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RAIN IN PUNJAB, J&K DAMAGES FENCE ALONG 110 KM OF INDO-PAK BORDER

Approximately 110 km of the fence along the zero line of Indo-Pak international border has been damaged, defence sources said on Friday

65 BSF POSTS IN PUNJAB GET INUNDATED

Of the 110 km of damaged fencing, around 80 km is in Punjab and 30 km is in Jammu sector. The fence in these areas has been submerged, uprooted, or tilted. Additionally, around 65 BSF posts in Punjab have been inundated across Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Pathankot, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, and Fazilka districts along the international border, with 20 posts affected in Jammu

BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY CANCELLED

- Due to the submerged border fencing, the BSF has deployed its water wing, equipped with motorboats and surveillance drones, to secure the international border. Searchlights and drones are also being used
- Sutlej River has inundated joint check post at Hussainiwala, leading to the indefinite cancellation of the 'Beating Retreat' ceremony | P10

10 Days

IN LAST 10 DAYS, BSF HAS NABBED DRUG SMUGGLERS ON THE BORDER

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Ballot papers best practice in democracy, says state EC

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

STATE Election Commissioner GS Sangreshi on Friday said that switching back to paper ballots from electronic voting machines (EVMs), to conduct elections to local bodies, is not a regressive move as it is one of the best practices in democracy.

"Conducting the polls through ballot paper is not challenging and should not be construed as challenging just because it consumes more time. It may take some extra time, maybe two-three hours more, to count the votes. In fact, it is one of the best practices in democracy. What is wrong with ballots? They were used twenty years ago and certain developed countries, including the US, still use this method. If the government amends certain Acts and provides adequate staff and funds, the State Election Commission (SEC) is prepared to switch to ballots," he told the TNIE. "The Constitution does not say whether the polls should be conducted through EVMs or ballots, leaving the option to election commissions," he added.

On Thursday, the state government, through a cabinet decision, recommended to the SEC to prepare the electoral list of panchayats and local bodies, including five corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), and conduct the polls using ballots instead of EVMs.

The SEC is anticipating an amendment to Section 35 of the GBA Act (as there is a provision) on the preparation of electoral rolls. This is similar to Section 23 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act, 1976, Section 14 of the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964 and Section 165 of the Karnataka Grama Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993 that deal with the preparation of electoral rolls, he said.

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TECH TALK

President Donald Trump hosts a dinner for tech titans in the presence of First Lady Melania Trump in the White House in Washington late on Thursday, hours before the Labour Department said that hiring in the US decelerated in July | AP | P11

Tata Motors 1st to pass GST cut to customers

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

TATA Motors on Friday said it would pass on full benefit of GST rate cut to customers buying its cars and SUVs from September 22, when the revised rates come into effect.

With this, prices of Tata Motors' most affordable model Tiago will be cheaper by up to ₹75,000 and prices of sub-4 metre SUV Nexon up to ₹1.55 lakh. Among other top-selling models, Altroz will be cheaper by up to ₹1.10 lakh. Punch will see a cut of up to ₹85,000, Harrier price will come down by up to ₹1.40 lakh, and Safari will see a reduction of up to ₹1.45 lakh.

"The reduction in GST on passenger vehicles is a progressive and timely decision that will make personal mobility more accessible for millions across India," said Shailesh Chandra, managing director, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles & Tata Passenger Electric Mobility.

Tata Motors is the first automaker to pass on the GST benefit to consumers. This is expected to put pressure on other carmakers to follow suit.

The GST Council on Wednesday reduced levies on small cars and mass-market motorcycles (engine size below 350cc) from 28% to 18%. However, premium cars will now attract a 40% GST. The Council made no changes to the GST rate for electric vehicles (EVs) across segments.

At present, small cars are taxed at 28% plus cess, while large cars (above 4 metres in length and 1200CC engine capacity) face a combined rate (GST plus cess) of 43-50%. Under the new regime, large cars will be taxed at flat 40% with no cess. Ever since the GST reforms were announced on August 15, buyers have been delaying purchase in anticipation of price cuts, impacting automobile sales.

Advantage buyers

MODEL	PRICE DROP
Nexon	Up to ₹1,55,000
Safari	Up to ₹1,45,000
Harrier	Up to ₹1,40,000
Altroz	Up to ₹1,10,000
Punch	Up to ₹85,000
Tigor	Up to ₹80,000
Tiago	Up to ₹75,000
Curvv	Up to ₹65,000

MESSAGING ACROSS GEOGRAPHIES

Don: Lost Russia & India to China

JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

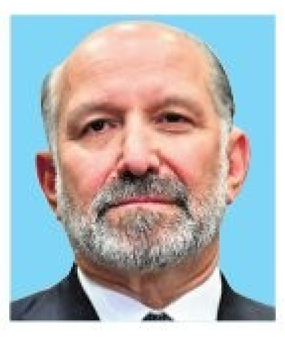
US President Donald Trump has sounded a stark warning about shifting geopolitical allegiances, claiming the United States has "lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest China," just days after the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit where images of camaraderie between President Vladimir Putin, President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi made global headlines.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump shared an image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and Chinese President Xi Jinping, saying: "Looks like we've lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest, China. May they have a long and prosperous future together!"

The SCO summit has sparked concerns in Washington about the trilateral alignment between Asia's largest powers, all of whom currently have strained relations with the West.

When pressed on Trump's comments, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We share a comprehensive global strategic partnership anchored in shared interests, democratic values, and people-to-people ties... We remain focused on our substantive agenda with the US." The MEA also dismissed recent comments made by White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, calling them "inaccurate and misleading."

However, Trump's rhetoric reflects mounting trade tensions.



India deal soon: US

Terming India as the 'vowel' in BRICS, US commerce secretary Howard Lutnick said India will be at the talks table with US soon

China biggest challenge: CDS

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

CHIEF of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Friday identified India's unresolved boundary dispute with China as its main security challenge, closely followed by Pakistan's ongoing proxy war.

Coming as it did amid New Delhi's efforts to improve ties with Beijing, and US President Donald Trump's meltdown following the recent bonding of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the Chinese and Russian presidents at the SCO summit in Tianjin, China, the CDS' statement appeared intriguing.

Speaking at two events in Gorakhpur, he stressed the inseparable link between geopolitics and conflict, noting that war is a medium to achieve political ambitions. "The boundary dispute with China is India's biggest challenge and will continue to remain so," General Chauhan told a gathering.

"The second major challenge is Pakistan's proxy war, with a strategy of 'bleed India by a thousand cuts.'"

The CDS underlined that the nature of warfare has expanded into new domains, making it more complex for nations like India. "It now includes cyber and space. Both of our opponents are nuclear powers, and it will always remain a challenge to decide what kind of operations we want to undertake against them," he said. He also noted that after the 2020 Galwan clash in Ladakh with China and India's Balakot strikes in Pakistan, the government permitted all three services to undertake emergency procurements.

Regional instability

Regional instability is another challenge, especially the social, political and economic unrest in the neighbourhood, CDS said

Encroachment of buffer zone changes course of Cauvery

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

THE alleged encroachment of the buffer zone along River Cauvery near Bangaradoddi dam in Srirangapatna taluk by commercial establishments like resorts, hotels, bars and restaurants and a religious institution has allegedly changed the course of the river.

Following allegations of encroachment, the Mandya district administration has requested the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd (CNNL) to fix the high flood level and to conduct a survey to find out the extent of encroachment of the buffer zone, he added.

Sources said the move comes after Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa took up a case and directed the district administration to clear encroachments.

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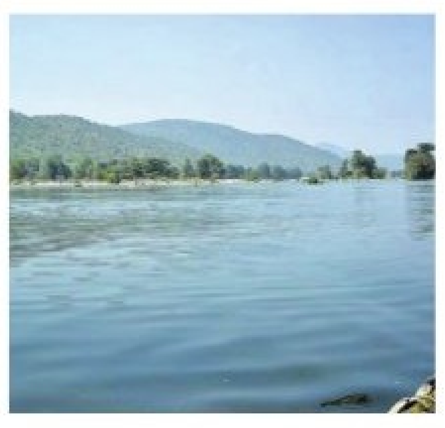

Ashrama seeks land

It was also found that there is a proposal before the government to permanently grant 1 acre 28 guntas of land to Chandravana Ashrama of Sri Durdandeshwara Mahantayogi Mutt Trust, which was granted on lease for 30 years about two decades ago.

EXPRESS READ

7-year-old shoots air gun, brother dies at farm near Sirsi

Uttara Kannada: A seven-year-old boy allegedly shot dead his older brother when he accidentally pulled the trigger of an air gun at a farm at Somanahalli near Sirsi on Friday. The CCTV camera footage shows the boy picking up the air gun while playing and pulling the trigger at his brother. The pellet hits Kariappa, killing him on the spot | P5

Build schools with CSR funds, name them after brands: DKS

Bengaluru: The state government is planning to encourage corporates to invest CSR funds in building schools, which may be named after their brands. Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said a decision will be taken in the upcoming cabinet meeting. Our goal is to build around 2,000 schools" | P2

Asia Cup done, Japan team finds spiritual solace

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Rajgir

RAJGIR is steeped in history. It was one of the early Magadhan capitals and a spiritual place associated with Buddhism and is close to two of the behemoths of Buddhist centres — Bodh Gaya and Nalanda University. And it has a very close Japan connect too.

When the venue for the Asia Cup hockey was announced, some of the Japanese players turned to the internet to find out about 'Rajgir'. To be fair to them, the city, a 150-minute drive on a good day from Patna airport, doesn't lend itself automatically to be a sporting destination (though it is changing of late). The place does have historical importance — it's cultural, spiritual and educational significance goes back more than 2,500 years ago.

But when Japan's players first tried to read up about Rajgir on the internet, they were intrigued about what they found. They were a bit taken aback when Ippei Fujimoto, who had been here earlier with the women's team, conveyed the message that they couldn't drink alcohol (Bihar is a dry state). Transforming spirit to spiritualism was easy. Soon enough, though, the absence of alcohol didn't deter them because 'this is a place rooted in Buddhism' and there is a distinct Japanese connect. Raiki Fujishima & Co wanted to experience that first hand, so they undertook a spiritual journey to the Vishwa Shanti Stupa, a pagoda representative of world peace. The monument was built by the Japanese (in 1969).

The plan was to be guided by a Japanese priest who has called Rajgir home for the last 50 years. "The priest (Buddhist monk T Okonogi) came and visited the team in the ground a few days ago," Fujimoto, the assistant coach as well as the official translator, said. "He spent some time and passed on a few messages."

Japanese team in front of the Vishwa Shanti Stupa in Rajgir | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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13th ANNUAL CONVOCATION
6th September 2025, Saturday | 9.30 AM | Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium, VIT Chennai

Hearty Welcome to the Chief Guest

Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan
Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services,
Government of Tamil Nadu

GUEST OF HONOUR
Mr. Shelley Salehin
Deputy High Commissioner,
Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Chennai

PRESIDED BY
Dr. G. Viswanathan
Founder & Chancellor

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• **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Bhadrapada • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Chaturdasi 12.41 am
• **Nakshatra:** Dhanishta 11.02 pm • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30am
• **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Cloudy

Sunrise	06.08 am
Sunset	06.27 pm
Moonrise	05.32 pm
Moonset	04.36 am

Steep hike: Surya wants Metro fare cut

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@Bengaluru

BJP MP Tejasvi Surya on Friday alleged that Bengaluru Metro fares have gone up by 136 per cent, making it the most expensive Metro service in the country. He urged the state government and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to reduce fares as the Metro now records an average daily ridership of 10 lakh.

In a social media post on Friday, Surya lashed out at the state government and BMRCL over the steep hike. Comparing it with Delhi Metro, where fares have increased by a maximum of Rs 4, he said ticket rates in Bengaluru must be reduced in public interest.

He pointed out that around 10 lakh people use the Metro daily, including workers, students and IT/BT employees, but the cost of travel in Bengaluru is the highest in India. "If fares rise by just Rs 1-4, people understand the government's need for revenue and don't object. But the hike is Rs 25, who will tolerate this?" he asked.

Surya added that a commuter travelling more than 25km one way now spends nearly Rs 90 per journey, excluding additional costs for first- and last-mile connectivity. This situation discourages the use of public transport and instead incentivises private vehicles, he said, urging the State government and BMRCL to reduce fares in public interest. He also questioned the basis for such a steep hike.

The MP said he has filed a petition in the Karnataka High Court, challenging the fare increase. "The government submitted an affidavit stating that the Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) report would be disclosed. But BMRCL has failed to release it even four days later. The final hearing is scheduled for September 22, and I once again demand that the report be made public immediately. Public interest must come first," he stressed.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with ministers Madhu Bangarappa and MC Sudhakar during a Teachers' Day programme at Vidhana Soudha on Friday | EXPRESS

SCHOOLS BUILT UNDER CSR MAY BE NAMED AFTER FIRMS

Govt plans to attract funds to boost edu infra

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TO strengthen the education infrastructure, the state government is planning to encourage corporates to invest Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in building schools, which may be named after their companies.

At a Teachers' Day event at the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) office on Friday, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said the upcoming cabinet meeting will take an important decision to build schools using CSR funds. "Companies constructing schools may have them named after their brand. However, the buildings must be of the highest quality, and CBSE-level education should be provided in an urban model. Some schools have already started, and our goal is to build around 2,000 schools."

Highlighting the need for corporate involvement, he said, "Recently, I read a report that students are leaving government schools for private ones. As per an estimate, around Rs 7,800 crore is available as CSR funds in our state. Some entrepreneurs are yet to commit." He also cited that CSR funds were utilised to build Karnataka Public Schools in his constituency (Kanakapura).

Speaking at the state-level Teachers' Day celebration at Vidhana Soudha, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah emphasised that education remains a top priority, with an annual allocation of Rs 65,000 crore. He honoured award-winning teachers and reflected on his own mentors, saying, "I learned school education from Rajappa Master and political lessons from Prof Nanjundaswamy." The CM urged teachers and students to focus on rationality, scientific temper, and societal awareness rather than rote learning. "Put down mobiles, pick up books," he stressed.

Higher Education Minister Dr M C Sudhakar said, "We will take decisions within the legal framework regarding the appointment of guest lecturers. At the same time, we must consider the humanitarian aspect."

In a move to support higher education for girls, Sudhakar announced that 36,000 students will receive annual scholarships of Rs 30,000. Under a scheme in collaboration with the Azim Premji Foundation, girls who completed their Classes 10 and 12 in government schools and PU colleges can avail Rs 36,000 per year for medical, engineering, degree, or diploma courses beyond two years. The chief minister will launch it on September 19.

"With support from the Asian Development Bank, the state is developing 40 first-grade colleges and 10 polytechnic colleges as model institutions at a cost of Rs 2,500 crore, along with establishing nine centres of excellence," he added.

Fresh concern over subsidy in Tunnel Rd project

INDRA S @Bengaluru

OF the array of concerns associated with the controversial North-South Tunnel Road project, a new one has now emerged that the Tunnel Road Detailed Project Report (DPR) is recommending subsidies beyond what is needed for viability.

The draft DPR (September 2024, Volume 1) stated that the entire project is viable with a 30% subsidy, ensuring an internal rate of return (IRR) (an estimate of the profitability of investments), which in this project is a minimum 15%, is met. However, the draft concession agreement for the Tunnel Road project stated that the state government will cover 40% of the project cost. But the draft DPR showed that the project is already financially viable with just 30% support and meets the profitability requirements. This has raised questions, because if at a 30% subsidy, the builders' profits would meet the required targets, why is the government paying 40%?

There are 'Intermodal Interchange Hubs' that are being built as part of the project, which include facilities for seamless transfer between buses, Metro and other transport modes. They feature escalators, elevators, clear signage, emergency exits and wide platforms for safe passenger flow. Amenities include comfortable seating, clean facilities, Wi-Fi, charging stations, and retail outlets to enhance commuter convenience. As part of the project, the concessionaire is required to develop two intermodal hubs that will serve as large transit-oriented complexes.

The agreement also stated that profits from the proposed intermodal hubs give the builder 100% rights over the profits made for 25 years. In addition, the rights over ancillary revenues, supported by a maximum floor space index (FSI) of 5, are also given to the builder.

Experts argued that when the profitability conditions are already met at a 30% subsidy, the increase to 40% warrants greater scrutiny.

Speaking to TNIE, Satya Arikutharam, an independent mobility expert, said, "The capital costs of this project since it was mooted last year have seen a 50% increase without any significant change in scope. Calculating subsidies based on unreliable cost estimates is fraught with dangers."

"The subsidy offered by the government is really closer to 70% than the stated 40%. This is because the concessionaire gets 100% rights over the real estate revenues with negligible investments and can also reduce costs through value engineering," he added.

Environmental activist and Bangalore Environment Trust trustee Dattatraya Devare noted, "This adds to the long list of concerns already raised that includes environmental, geological, hydrological, and potential damage to Lalbagh, a heritage site. Quantum of subsidy is yet another critical question that needs to be answered."

MILAD-UN-NABI CONFERENCE

Stick to the Constitution, develop tolerance to other religions, says CM

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah here on Friday gave a clarion call to the people of different faiths to develop mutual tolerance to each other's religions by adhering to the Constitution.

"The tolerance towards other religions is the basic principle of the Constitution and adhering to the Constitution should be our aim," he said at the 'International Milad-un-Nabi Conference', organised by the Milad Committee at the Palace Grounds here to mark the 1500th birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed.

Siddaramaiah said that before the Prophet's birth, several tribal pastoral communities lived in the deserts of Saudi Arabia. They reared sheep, goats and camels and were at loggerheads with each other.

The Prophet put in efforts to bring equality in society, he said. "The preachings of the Prophet brought revolutionary changes in human history. He showed paths of justice, equality and religious harmony to the entire humanity," he stated. The Sharana movement led by Basavanna in the 12th century in Karnataka also preached that humanity is one, he remarked.

"The Prophet is a messenger of peace and the entire human race should work for peace and mutual brotherhood, which is the preaching of the Prophet," he said.

Religious leaders and scholars from across the country took part. Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan said, "Foreign scholars did not attend the event as they were on tourist visa."

Jai Hindu, Jai Musalman, says Siddaramaiah

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah made an attempt to identify with the minorities, the Muslims, throughout his speech. He sported the cap and shawl presented by the organisers. "Jai Hind, Jai Karnataka, Jai Hindu, Jai Musalman," he said ending his speech. He extended wholehearted greetings to the community.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, Energy Minister KJ George, Chief Minister's Political Secretary Nasir Ahmed and MLA NA Haris were present.

Home Minister Parameshwara did not turn up, though he was on the guest list.

People from the Muslim community take out a procession to mark the 1500th year of Eid Milad on Tannery Road on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

NHVPS Trustee-Secretary Aisshwarya DKS Hegde in conversation with Sadhguru in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

Hill View marks 25 yrs with Sadhguru

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THE National Hill View Public School (NHVPS) marked its 25th anniversary on Thursday with Sadhguru, founder of the Isha Foundation, leading a special 'Buddy Bench Conversation' on education's role in shaping purpose and compassion.

The event brought together teachers, students, parents and thought leaders from across Karnataka and also unveiled NHVPS's new vision and mission.

Speaking at the event, the spiritual leader stressed the need for teachers to inspire beyond academics in an era dominated by Artificial Intelligence. "You have books in your head, but in another three to five years, a book in the head will mean nothing. So you have to transform yourselves in such a way that you become powerhouses of inspiration for the child," he said.

Trustee-Secretary Aisshwarya DKS Hegde said, "The last 25 years have been about building not just institutions, but a community rooted in values, courage, and compassion. Hosting Sadhguru for Buddy Bench Conversations is both a tribute to our teachers and a message to the world, that education is not just about knowledge, but about shaping humanity."

EXPRESS READ

Daily monitoring raises garbage tipper attendance

Daily monitoring at muster centres and revision of scanning timings have increased the attendance of garbage collection auto tippers from 85% to 95%, helping improve garbage clearance in the city, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML) said on Thursday. BSWML CEO Karee Gowda said the improvement is a result of daily inspections at muster centres by senior officials. For the past 15 days, the chief operating officer, four deputy general managers, 28 assistant general managers, the chief marshal and other officials have been visiting around 200 muster centres across the city every morning. **ENS**

JITO Zewar Expo & The Bridal Story kicks off

Bengaluru: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday inaugurated the JITO Zewar Expo & The Bridal Story, jointly organised by the Jain International Trade Organization (JITO), Bengaluru North chapter, and JITO Apex, at Palace Grounds. After the inauguration, the DCM said such events give a new direction to the economic and cultural prosperity of the state and described the expo as a blend of business and culture, while MP PC Mohan said it connects entrepreneurship with tradition. JITO Apex Chairman Prithviraj Kothari said, "I thank the women of India who, by saving and investing in gold, have strengthened the financial and social security of families." JITO Bengaluru North President Vimal Kataria was present. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

06th September: Did you ever wonder why actors and pop singers are called stars? It's because of the ancient tradition which held that the stars were the souls of dead heroes. If you were a great king or queen - or warrior - in the ancient world, then a place was saved for you in heaven, in one of the constellations. And, once there, you were forever part of the greatest show in the universe - the night sky.

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Every planet tells a different story, so you may be facing too many choices. The Sun advises you to take a long, cool, dispassionate look at close personal relationships. Try to put yourself in someone else's shoes, rather than judging them too harshly. A cash bonus will be delayed.

TAURUS
(Apr. 21 - May 21)
You're feeling the pressure - there's no doubt about that. You may be ready to chance your arm just a little, but the results should be worth the fuss. The crucial consideration could well be money, and you're probably concerned with just how much you can now afford to spend.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)
You should sort out your accounts and finances and get all your papers in order as soon as possible. If you don't arrange your affairs to suit your own interests, fate might step in and cause long-term irritations and hassles. That's why you absolutely have to stay in control.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)
Close partners can be maddening, but then you've known that for a long time. The best thing you can do now is to state your case, give loved ones a certain amount of time to agree with you and, if they don't meet your deadline, get on with your life.

LEO
(July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's a busy day, and complex planetary influences relate to work as much as to personal matters. You may be uncertain as to the next step, but it is quite safe to put important affairs on hold, perhaps until Monday. By then the picture should be clearer.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's time to enjoy yourself, and even if the most routine of all days lies before you, you should try to break up your chores with as many morale-boosting treats as possible. Artistic individuals should benefit enormously from imaginative suggestions.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Be indecisive no longer! Challenging planetary factors only strengthen your resolve, especially where cash is concerned. This is why you are entering a period which will see you making many far-reaching and fundamental changes in your life both at work and at home.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
This is, without doubt, a decisive period of the year for you, although much that will later be important still seems to be a distant speck on the horizon. In all personal and intimate matters, new light is being shed on old problems. Take careful note of all those deep insights.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Some kind of financial reward, even a small one, will boost your confidence before long. It's a sensible sort of a day, and you'll be keeping yourself in check. Don't blame other people if you feel that you're not getting your own way - and look at how you may have been responsible for much that's happened.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You will be more emotional than usual, and there are bound to be a few mood swings. If you are prepared for fluctuating feelings, you will be less ready to take offence, and also less susceptible to others' little wiles. That alone has to make this a worthwhile period.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Some very helpful planets in friendly signs are making you feel that all the upsets and aggravation of the past year or so have had worthwhile results. It's important to recognise that potential difficulties can be turned to your advantage. In other words, look on the bright side!

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your social stars are strong so, even though you have a reputation for being shy, you can still gain a great deal of pleasure by planting yourself firmly in the spotlight. You need to know exactly what you have to do as you'll do best when you have a firmly defined role to play.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

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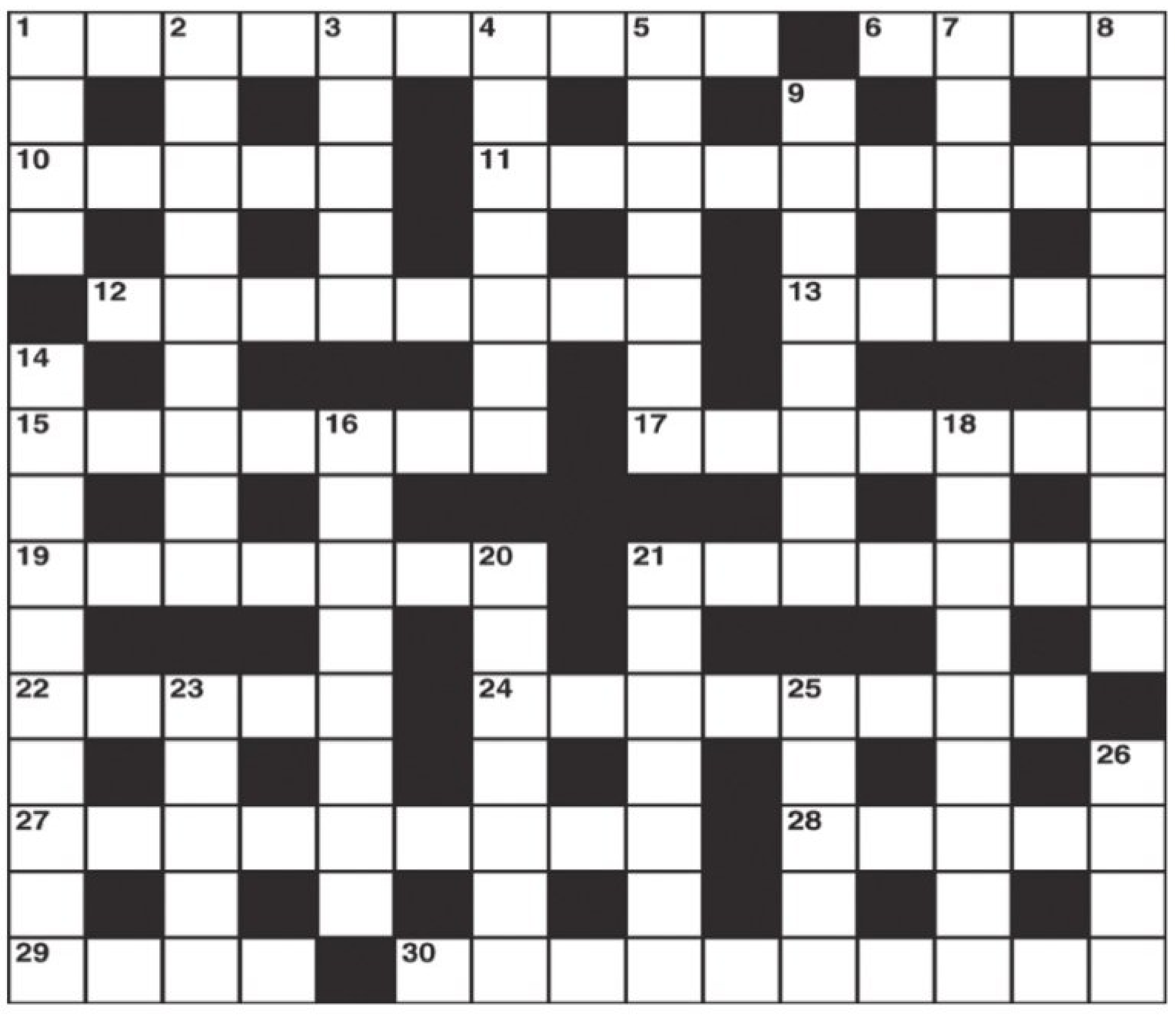

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 An opponent of developing stagnation (10)
6 Still one might doubt its existence (4)
10 Make forced entry as it gets lighter (5)
11 A drop in the river (9)
12 Prank ceased being funny when father came in (8)
13 A second radio is worth having (5)
15 One thing I have for producing harmony (7)
17 One on a diet may turn out so (7)
19 An important match for the Lions maybe (3,4)
21 Tie up an unusually attractive plant (7)
22 This excuse is out of place (5)
24 Push the boat out and depart (5,3)
27 But it doesn't include meals in the diner (5,4)
28 Possibly a test of discrimination (5)
29 Kind of knot sailors will be well advised to avoid (4)
30 Knocked flat - by a hard bargainer (6,4)

DOWN
1 A pound's enough for such vestments (4)
2 Article about ill-advised corporal punishment (9)
3 She's in great form! (5)
4 A trend in art that may be swell (3,4)
5 They will not stand for personal representation (7)
7 Rising hack writing for papers (5)
8 Risk of redundancy that comes to nothing (4,6)
9 Player who might get a roasting (8)
14 Attendant says nothing when pushed around (4,6)
16 A Latin is possibly one of these (8)
18 Nothing to show this is a policy declaration (9)
20 Trap seen, ran out! (7)
21 Throw out a proposed scheme (7)
23 Angry I reckon (5)
25 Those who have this shouldn't feel hungry (5)
26 Slight incline (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Distant, 5 Frame, 8 Imperfect, 9 Cap, 10 Emma, 12 Calories, 14 Resent, 15 Skiers, 17 Compress, 18 Stud, 21 Rod, 22 Valentine, 24 Stair, 25 Speaker.

Down: 1 Drive, 2 Sap, 3 Airs, 4 Toecap, 5 Fetlocks, 6 Architect, 7 Exposes, 11 Mass media, 13 Engraver, 14 Records, 16 Psalms, 19 Drear, 20 Once, 23 Ink.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT
AND JEFF KNUREK

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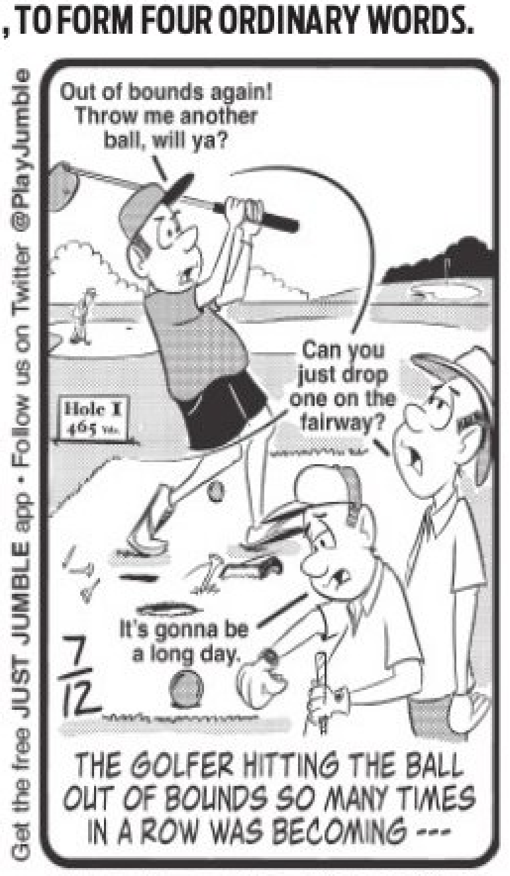

Out of bounds again! Throw me another ball, will ya?
Can you just drop one on the fairway?
It's gonna be a long day.
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THE GOLFER HITTING THE BALL OUT OF BOUNDS SO MANY TIMES IN A ROW WAS BECOMING ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answer here: "☐☐☐-☐☐☐☐☐"
(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's
Jumbles: GLAZE STOOD FINITE CATNIP
Answer: The fencer lost to his rival once more after being — FOILED AGAIN

Shri. Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

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Members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad staged a protest in Gonikoppal in Kodagu against alleged illegal religious conversions. The protesters demanded stringent action against those allegedly converting the tribals in the region

IRREGULARITIES

Bhovi corpn chairman resigns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

S RAVIKUMAR, chairman of the Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation, submitted his resignation on Friday, stating that he cannot discharge his duties as corporation chief as he stays in Shivamogga city.

In his resignation letter submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday, Ravikumar said he has been discharging his duties as the corporation chairman since March 15, 2024 and implemented government programmes efficiently without any irregularities.

He stated that he identified some irregular businesses and indiscipline at the corporation and went on to take action. "This led to a conspiracy to target me and sack me. An investigation should be conducted into allegations against me and take action against culprits," he stated. He requested the CM to order an investigation with the help of cyber police and FSL teams against the team that tried to tarnish his image and take action against them.

EXPRESS READ

Fresh notifications to be issued by adopting SC internal quota

BENGALURU: The government on Friday issued an order directing all departments, boards and corporations, to cancel notifications issued after October 28, 2024, for recruitment and issue fresh notification by adopting internal reservation implemented for SC communities. Following this, a time-bound notification must be issued for direct recruitment for vacancies in any of the government departments, including the autonomous institutions, it stated.

DECIDED ON BALLOT SYSTEM BASED ON EXPERIENCE: CM, DCM

State govt empowered to conduct local body polls; why is BJP jittery, asks Shivakumar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said here on Friday that based on their experience, the government decided to conduct elections to local bodies through the paper ballot system.

"When Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar hits back at BJP and says that the state government has decided to use ballot papers in local body elections, why should BJP be scared," he asked.

The CM told reporters that they wanted to change the process and there is a purpose behind it. "We have decided to make changes. There are many instances of countries opting for ballot papers back from electronic voting machines,'' he said.

Shivakumar on Friday said the decision to use ballot papers in local body elections was taken by the state government. "The government is empowered to conduct these elections. Why is BJP getting jittery about it," he wondered.

Ballot papers in GBA?

Asked if the government will use ballot papers in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) elections, too, he said the government has taken this decision for the local body elections.

Asked about cases against his followers being withdrawn, he said, "We have also closed cases against BJP supporters and my followers. BJP had filed cases against me and the CM during Covid. We have withdrawn cases filed against those fighting for our language, farmers and state," he said.

"The ED case that led to my arrest has been quashed. Those who criticised the grand reception I received after release from jail didn't say a word when the case against me was quashed. There is nothing to discuss. We have withdrawn cases against supporters of all parties," he added.

Good compensation for farmers

Asked about farmers protesting against land acquisition for the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said, "They are my people. I have the right to talk to them. I also know which party some of the farmers belong to. As many as 82 per cent of farmers have consented to land acquisition, while only 18 per cent are opposing it. We have given very good compensation to our farmers.''

We will prepare foolproof voters' list: SEC

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"ONCE the Acts are amended and the governor gives assent to the ordinance, the SEC will go ahead with the preparation of electoral rolls and it may take 2-3 months. For instance in GBA, there were 9,000 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and their numbers should be doubled," Sangreshi said.

He hoped that the finance department would give its clearance for funds. "We will prepare the foolproof voters' list timely, transparently and judiciously," he said.

He said following the Supreme Court order, the government has to complete delimitation of wards by November 1 and fix the reservation matrix by November 30. Sangreshi said he does not feel that the government is trying to postpone the polls and noted that the GBA commissioner has already taken steps on the delimitation process. It will be done for zilla and taluk panchayats too in three months as some gram panchayats have been upgraded to taluk panchayats, he added.

He said SEC is an autonomous body and goes by the Acts. It need not take permission from the Election Commission of India to prepare its own electoral list and switch to ballot paper.

Around 25,000 EVMs that were over 15 years old will be disposed of after verifying the feasibility. The ECI has written to Bharat Electronics Ltd, the manufacturer, he added.

Former district judge Sangreshi was appointed SEC a year ago with a tenure of five years. He has been invited as an observer for polls in Georgia on October 4 and Estonia on October 19.

MY TAKE

THE TEACHERS WE FAILED... AND PAYING FOR IT NOW

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SEPTEMBER 5th is being celebrated as Teachers' Day since 1962 after India's first Vice-President (1952-1962) and second President (1962-1967), Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (September 5, 1888 - April 17, 1975) – a distinguished scholar who was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1954 – requested when some of his students insisted on celebrating his birthday: "Instead of celebrating my birthday separately, it would be my proud privilege, if 5th September is observed as Teachers' Day."

Over subsequent years, in India, September 5th has been celebrated to express appreciation and gratitude to teachers for their inspiration and dedication in guiding students, shaping their minds and instilling values in them, so the latter enjoy brighter futures. The day is celebrated with schools, colleges and educational institutions holding events for students to celebrate the teachers. Social media gets peppered with users exuding respect for their teachers, highlighting how they have positively impacted their lives. Gifts are given. Calls are made. Messages expressing reverence are sent to their beloved teachers – in many cases from years or decades ago. Emotions flow. The exercise of reminiscence gets triggered as events and incidents from the past are raised and shared. Tears of joy and sadness are shed – of regret in some cases... all in a day – Teachers' Day.

But are we really reflecting the gratitude for our teachers through our civic behaviour today? Have we truly turned out to be citizens that our teachers took their efforts for us to be? Are we reflecting the principles and values that our teachers promoted, while trying to shape us into being responsible citizens?

Do you remember, whenever we returned to our classes after the morning assembly, or while going on a picnic as a whole class, we had to – and, strictly had to – proceed in a queue, one behind the other? No running or trying to break the queue. Our teachers enforced it, and very strictly. In class, or during the assembly, it was mandatory that we maintain silence, when required. No talking, no shouting, no making noise. We were asked to raise a hand, seeking permission to speak out or ask questions. No breaking the norms.

Somewhere down the line, as we grew up, we laughed it off, and got back to precisely what we were not supposed to do. Today, as grown-ups, we often do not follow queues – not while waiting to book tickets, and definitely not while driving on the roads, which is the main reason why we have seemingly unsolvable traffic jams, while screaming from the rooftops that our roads are inadequate and not well-designed.

The noise pollution that we often speak of is another of our creations, born from throwing the lessons from our teachers into the bin. The teacher's order "Silence in the class!" was meant only when we were children, right? Not now, when we are all grown up, because we no longer are in any classroom, and we certainly don't want a teacher to take us back to those days when we had to obey orders from them. We have grown, not just in body size, but in our ego, too. It probably explains our love for honking, passionately contributing to the noise pollution.

About compromising our values and principles, the less said the better. But we need to remember that the way we behave today in personal or professional domains reflects our actual respect for our teachers, who we were taught to think of as "second parents".

The discipline is missing ... rather we have allowed those early lessons from our teachers to evaporate. We have assumed that those lessons are meant only for children, not for us as adults, which is when we are actually supposed to demonstrate our coming of age as "responsible citizens".

Teaching and learning is a dynamic interaction between teacher and student. That relationship, while in its functional mode, seeks to bring about desired cognitive and behavioural changes in the student. The teacher imparts knowledge, fosters skills and promotes values. But all this does not restrict only to mere instructions. It involves encouraging learning experiences, guidance and planning. It aims at students being able to achieve goals using critical thinking and creativity. It kindles a life-long love for learning in them.

But somewhere in our mental maps, we draw a line of demarcation, and nurture a feeling of "liberation" when we start earning, a strong sense of "independence" overpowering us. We erroneously minimise – even eliminate – the lessons from our teachers in the early years of our education, while retaining only memories to convey greetings on Teachers' Day.

There's a Japanese proverb highlighting the significance of a good teacher and teachings, which goes: "Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher." Let's remember the lessons of our own great teachers so we can live their dreams of us being responsible humans and citizens.

BJP slams move to bring back ballot system

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STATE BJP leaders on Friday criticised the state cabinet's decision to bring back the ballot system for elections to urban local bodies and panchayats. They termed it an attempt to postpone the elections, fearing the defeat of the Congress party.

State unit president BY Vijayendra said through this decision the Congress government has admitted that it came to power through electoral fraud. All 136 Congress MLAs and nine Congress MPs, who won the 2023 and 2024 elections, respectively, where EVMs were used, should first resign, he added.

Vijayendra said many cases regarding poll irregularities were filed in courts and poll violence and electoral fraud took place when the country had the ballot system. Most cases were filed against Congress leaders. People of the country have not forgotten the imposition of Emergency by the then PM Indira Gandhi after her election to the Lok Sabha from Raebareli was declared void by the Allahabad High Court, he added.

BJP general secretary V Sunil Kumar said the Congress government took this decision, fearing defeat in the coming elections. Whenever the Congress loses an election, it blames the electronic voting machines.

BJP MLA Suresh Kumar said it is a regressive decision taken by a backward-looking government headed by Siddaramaiah. When the whole world embraced technology, the Congress government has chosen to look back. "It is an irony that Karnataka, which is known its technological prowess and skilled workforce, is being forced to move backwards by the Congress government," he added.

Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr D Veerendra Heggade addresses the Dharma Jagruti Samavesha in Dharmasthala on Friday | EXPRESS

Mattannavar grilled, custody of complainant ends today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

DGP Pronab Mohanty, heading the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted to probe the alleged crimes in Dharmasthala village, questioned Sowjanya campaign activist Girish Mattannavar on Friday.

Mattannavar was summoned for questioning by the SIT in connection with a perjury case, in which the witness-complainant was arrested after the skull he produced as evidence before court was said to be a fabricated one. The complainant's custody ends on Saturday. Sources said it is unlikely that SIT would seek his further custody. Meanwhile, questioning of Jayant, another activist, and YouTuber Abhishek has continued. Kerala-based YouTuber Manaf has also been issued notice by the SIT.

Meanwhile, Tejas A Gowda, a pro-Hindutva activist from Bengaluru, lodged a complaint with SIT in Belthangady on Friday, requesting investigation into the "activities, funding sources and network" of Mahesh Shetty Timarodi, Girish Mattannavar, Jayant T, YouTuber Sameer MD and others. "A malicious conspiracy is being carried out by Mahesh Shetty and his associates for more than a decade, and their activities are directed at tarnishing the reputation of Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala and Dharmadhikari D Veerendra Heggade,'' Gowda alleged in the complaint.

Police summons stayed

The High Court on Friday reportedly stayed police summons against advocate Manjunath N, who represented Sujatha Bhat, another complainant. An FIR was registered against advocate Manjunath by Belthangady police for a press release, in which he mentioned that there were about 60-70 bodies in 13 spots marked by the complainant.

Meanwhile, Kusumavathi, mother of late Sowjanya who was allegedly raped and murdered in 2012, lodged a complaint with Belthangady police against 13 social media accounts for misleading and defamatory posts against her and a few activists fighting the case. Now police have booked a case.

'Centre must ensure benefits of GST rationalisation reach end consumers'

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WELCOMING the decision of the GST Council to rationalise GST rates, and terming it as an important step towards reducing both the monetary and compliance burdens on people and businesses, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday, however, said, "This decision is not new wisdom, but a long-delayed acceptance of what Rahul Gandhi, Opposition leaders, and Opposition-ruled states have demanded since 2016-2017, when the Modi Government hurriedly rolled out a faulty GST. From the very beginning, we had warned that this 'Gabbar Singh Tax' would crush small businesses, increase compliance costs, and burden ordinary families. Sadly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chose to ignore these warnings for eight long years."

He said, "To explain clearly: the GST system gives the Union Government one-third of the total voting power, while all states together share the remaining two-thirds. For any reform, a three-fourths majority is needed. This means that even if all states agree, a stubborn Centre can block reforms. That is exactly what PM Modi's government did. Today's course correction proves that our stand was right all along. The people of India could have been spared years of hardship had the Union Government listened earlier."

He added, "Now, the responsibility is on the Union Government and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to ensure that the benefits of GST rationalisation actually reach the end consumer. The reduction in rates must lower prices for the people, not increase profit margins for big corporates. If the benefits fail to reach the common man, the blame will rest squarely on the Union Government."

He said, "Karnataka alone may lose Rs 15,000-20,000 crore in revenue due to this decision. Yet, keeping the welfare of our people above everything else, we welcome it. But we also strongly urge the Centre to devolve the GST compensation cess, still being collected on certain sin goods, back to the states."

'STATE GOVT MUST ENSURE GST REFORMS REACH PEOPLE'

BENGALURU: Rajya Sabha member and BJP leader Leher Singh said the Congress government in Karnataka should ensure that the GST reforms initiated by PM Narendra Modi reach the people. Singh said the government should not cleverly bring in additional levies at the state-level, like they have done with petrol and diesel to create a distortion in benefits. "The state government seems to be already making a case for additional levies by saying that GST reforms will lead to loss of revenue for the state. The GST reforms, which are meant to benefit each citizen and consumer, should not be diluted in any way," he added. Further, Singh said the state government, which always brings up the issue of revenue loss and cooperative federalism, does not speak about how the burden of its guarantees has sunk the state's finances. "Now that GST has been reformed, the state government should also consider reforming the guarantees. The Siddaramaiah government should stop fooling people by pretending to be generous in one hand, but robbing with the other," he added. **ENS**

Today's course correction proves that our stand was right all along. The people of India could have been spared years of hardship had the Union Government listened earlier — Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

BJP workers and supporters celebrate the simplified GST regime by the Centre at the party office in Bengaluru on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

SC Right should fight injustice in internal reservation: Cong MLA

MYSURU: Criticising the cabinet's recent approval of the internal reservation matrix for the Scheduled Castes, Congress MLA AR Krishnamurthy claimed it has resulted in injustice to SC Right communities. Addressing a seminar on "Naga, Mahar, Holeya and Chalavadi Communities: Cultural and Historical Background", organised by the Federation of Karnataka State Right Communities and the University of Mysore Researchers Association at Vijnana Bhavan here on Friday, Krishnamurthy recalled that the division of SC Right and Left communities had led to a community-wise enumeration for internal reservation. "When SM Krishna was CM, a door-to-door survey was carried out by a private agency. As per its report, the population of SC Right communities was higher than that of SC Left. However, the report was not implemented. The present government conducted enumeration twice, but SC Right communities avoided participation, even online, by not disclosing their caste. This has drastically reduced our recorded population in the survey. Such an error will affect our future generations. We should proudly declare our caste. A think-tank must be formed to deliberate on our issues," he said. Stating that the injustice in quotas cannot be accepted, Krishnamurthy urged the community to seek legal recourse. **ENS**

Two students from Don Bosco College in Bengaluru drowned in the Cauvery river near Edamuri in Belagola in Srirangapatna on Friday. Police said Shyam and Venkatesh (both aged 20) had accompanied five other friends to Srirangapatna. Police fished out their bodies and have registered a case

GONE IN 18 SECS

Three held for robbing jewellery store with toy gun

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@Bengaluru

THREE of the four men, who had robbed the Sri Rama Jewellers near Machohalli Gate on July 24 after threatening the staff with a toy gun, have been arrested.

The entire incident was caught on the store's CCTV cameras, showing the accused robbing and escaping in 18 seconds.

The accused have been identified as Mohammed Rafik, Noushad and Mohammed Ibtekar. The Madanayakanahalli police are looking for the other accused, identified as Ramshad. Rafik was arrested by the Siddapura police for robbing a 62-year-old woman of her gold chain in Jayanagar 2nd block in January. When police checked the CCTV footage after the Sri Ram Jewellery incident, they found the involvement of Rafik. The accused are from Bihar, Udupi, Kodagu and Odisha.

The accused entered the shop around 9 pm during the closing hours of the store when the owner was keeping the ornaments in a safe. The police have recovered gold ornaments worth Rs 30 lakh, two cars and Rs 10 lakh in cash. The accused are said to be habitual offenders having committed nearly 50 robberies.

"The accused had escaped with 150 gram of gold ornaments from the jewellery shop. Kannaiah Lal, the owner, had filed a complaint. Of the four accused, three had covered their faces with masks and entered the shop. The accused had come on a two-wheeler and had used a fake number plate," said an officer.

7-yr-old shoots air gun, bro dies; mom blames labourer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Somanahalli (Uttara Kannada)

IN a shocking incident, a seven-year-old boy allegedly shot dead his older brother when he accidentally pulled the trigger of an air gun at an areca nut farm at Somanahalli, around 10 km from Sirsi, on Friday.

The mother of the deceased, Pavithra Basappa Undi -- who is a labourer at the farm, has blamed Nitish Gouda, the caretaker of the air gun used to drive away monkeys at the farm, and farm owner and gun owner Raghav Keshava Hegde.

The entire incident has been captured on a CCTV camera. The footage shows the boy picking up the air gun while playing and pulling the trigger at his brother, who was standing close. The pellet hits his older brother Kariappa, killing him on the spot.

Raghav, along with his labourers, had gone to his brother Ganesh Hegde's house to charge his phone. They had kept aside the air gun. CCTV footage shows three children, who were at home because of Eid Milad holiday for school, playing near the house. The seven-year-old playfully picks up the gun and pulls the trigger. The pellet hits nine-year-old Kariappa, who collapses.

The boy was rushed to a hospital, but was declared brought dead. DySP Geetha Patil and Inspector Shashikanth Varma visited the spot. The children's father, Basappa Undi, who hails from Haveri, too works as a labourer at the farm.

CCTV footage shows Nitish Gouda at the spot when the incident occurred. The mother of the deceased, Pavithra, filed at the Sirsi police station, blamed Nitish and Raghav for the incident. She has alleged that it was not her younger son, but Nitish Gouda, hailing from Sadashivahalli, who pulled the trigger. The complaint states that Nitish is not trained to handle the firearm and the air gun is unlicensed. The Sirsi police, after long deliberation, booked Nitish and Raghava. "They will be arrested and produced before court soon," said Geetha Patil.

"The duo has been booked under Arms Act and Section 302 of IPC (murder). The weapon and CCTV footage will be sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory. We need to check whether a licence is necessary to possess an air gun," Deepan MN, SP, Uttara Kannada, told this paper.

HC won't quash proceedings against KAS officer

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@ Bengaluru

THE High Court refused to quash criminal proceedings in a graft case against Dr Sudha, former Land Acquisition Officer of BDA, and her husband, Stroiny Joseph Pias.

The couple challenged the order dated August 20, 2020, passed by the trial court for a probe in relation to offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA), Karnataka Stamps and Registration Act and IPC, on a complaint by Lokayukta police, after activist TJ Abraham filed a private complaint.

They contended that ordering investigation is a violation of Sec 17A of PCA. Rejecting the petition for lack of merit, the court said the case is shrouded in corruption. Prima facie, the material available on the strength of the enormous documents collected during investigation would require a trial. It is for the petitioners to come clean in a trial, it added.

The court stated that the chargesheet prepared by Lokayukta police runs into 13 volumes, and a summary of investigation was placed before court.

It was alleged in the complaint filed in 2019, that Praveen Gadiyar and Mallik Mandesh aka Mani informed the complainant that they have adequate material that Sudha, who was in-charge of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout, HRBR Layout and Jnanabharathi Layout, had been allegedly receiving illegal gratification from owners of properties relating to files that come before her for consideration, in exchange for passing awards for the lands acquired. Sudha was collecting Rs 5 lakh per acre to grant awards or pass necessary orders.

FESTIVE PLATTER

Malayalis in traditional attire partake of a rich sadya spread, served on a plantain leaf, during Onam celebrations at East Cultural Association in Indiranagar on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Unable to clear loan, man hangs self

BENGALURU: A 43-year-old man took his own life as he was unable to clear the loan that he had availed for his daughter's wedding. Nagaraju of Raichur hanged himself with a saree at his house at Muneshwara Layout in Devvannapalya under in Madanayakanahalli police station limits. Before the extreme step, the victim even tied his hands with a mobile charging wire. He was staying with his family and his daughter had got married eight months ago. "We suspect that after placing his head in the noose, he tied his hands with the wire so that he won't survive in case he struggled. Though any foul play is ruled out, we are investigating to ascertain if his hands were tied by some other person," said an officer.

CONSTABLE'S WIFE ATTACKS HIM WITH MACHETE

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

A 28-year-old police constable was allegedly attacked with a machete by his wife at Krishnappa Layout in Kaggalipura on Tuesday.

Constable R Gagan Kumar, attached to Kaggalipura police station, was treated in a private hospital for head injuries. His wife V Priyanka is yet to be arrested.

After the incident, Priyanka left home with their three-year-old son. Gagan called a police sub-inspector for help as Priyanka had locked the front door. Marital discord between the couple is said to be the reason for the incident.

Gagan met Priyanka from Alur in Hassan district on Facebook and married her four years ago.

"Priyanka used to frequently fight with Gagan for financially supporting his parents to construct a house at their native place. She abused her in-laws whenever they visited Gagan. On Tuesday morning, Priyanka fought with Gagan when he told her to drop their son to school. She later assaulted him with the machete. Gagan, who suffered head injuries, started screaming for help. But Priyanka left home with their son," a police officer said, quoting Gagan's statement.

An attempt to murder case has been registered against Priyanka.

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ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ.ಕೆ. ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ರವರಿಂದ ಕೃಷ್ಣೆಯ ಜಲಧಿಗೆ ಗಂಗಾಪೂಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಾಗಿನ ಅರ್ಪಣೆ

ದಿನಾಂಕ : 06.09.2025ನೇ ಶನಿವಾರ | ಸಮಯ : ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00ಗಂಟೆಗೆ | ಸ್ಥಳ : ಲಾಲ್ ಬಹಾದ್ದೂರ್ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಿ ಸಾಗರ, ಆಲಮಟ್ಟಿ , ನಿಡಗುಂದಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ವಿಜಯಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆ
ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಾನಂದ ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರವರು
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜವಳಿ, ಕಬ್ಬು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೃಷಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಚಿವರು ಮತ್ತು ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರು

ಗೌರವ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತಿ
ಡಾ. ಎಂ.ಬಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರವರು
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಬೃಹತ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮಧ್ಯಮ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೂಲಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಚಿವರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಜಯಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರು
ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್.ಬಿ. ತಿಮ್ಮಾಪೂರ ರವರು
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಬಕಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರು ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರು ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಮೇಲ್ದಂಡೆ ಯೋಜನೆ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿ
ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್.ಎಸ್. ಬೋಸರಾಜು ರವರು
ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ, ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಚಿವರು ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರು, ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳು
ವಿಜಯಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
ಶ್ರೀ ರವಿಕುಮಾರ್ ಎನ್ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಸಚೇತಕರು
ಶ್ರೀ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಬಿ. ಹುಕ್ಕೇರಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ-2, ನವದೆಹಲಿ
ಶ್ರೀ ಅಪ್ಪಾಜಿ ಸಿ.ಎಸ್. ನಾಡಗೌಡ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ಮುದ್ದೇಬಿಹಾಳ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾಬೂನು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾರ್ಜಕ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ಶ್ರೀ ರಮೇಶ. ಚಂ. ಜಿಗಜಿಣಗಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ವಿಜಯಪುರ
ಡಾ|| ಸುಧಾ ಮೂರ್ತಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು
ಶ್ರೀ ಯಶವಂತರಾಯಗೌಡ ವಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ಇಂಡಿ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸನಗೌಡ ಆರ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ (ಯತ್ನಾಳ) ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ವಿಜಯಪುರ ನಗರ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಶ್ರೀ ಸುನೀಲಗೌಡ ಬಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್
ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಠ್ಠಲ ಧೋಂಡಿಬಾ ಕಟಕಧೋಂಡ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ನಾಗಠಾಣ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಶ್ರೀ ಭೀಮನಗೌಡ (ರಾಜುಗೌಡ) ಬಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ದೇವರಹಿಪ್ಪರಗಿ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಶ್ರೀ ಅಶೋಕ ಮ. ಮನಗೂಳಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ಸಿಂಧಗಿ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಶ್ರೀ ಕೇಶವಪ್ರಸಾದ ಎಸ್. ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್
ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕಾಂತಾ ನಾಯ್ಕ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ಶ್ರೀ ಸಂಗಮೇಶ ಅಪ್ಪಾಸಿ ಬಬಲೇಶ್ವರ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಬಾಲವಿಕಾಸ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ
ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕವಿತಾ ಮು.ಬಡಿಗೇರ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಆಲಮಟ್ಟಿ

ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್.ವೈ. ಮೇಟಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ.ಟಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ಬೀಳಗಿ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಹಟ್ಟಿ ಚಿನ್ನದ ಗಣಿ ಕಂಪನಿ ನಿಯಮಿತ
ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಜಯಾನಂದ ಎಸ್.ಕಾಶಪ್ಪನವರ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ಹುನಗುಂದ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೀರಶೈವ ಲಿಂಗಾಯತ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿ.,
ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ.ಸಿ. ಗದ್ದಿಗೌಡರ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಲೋಕಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ
ಶ್ರೀ ನಾರಾಯಣ ಕೆ. ಭಾಂಡಗೆ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಸಭಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ
ಶ್ರೀ ಹಣಮಂತ ಆರ್. ನಿರಾಣಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್
ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದು ಸವದಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ತೇರದಾಳ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ.ಎಚ್. ಪೂಜಾರ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್
ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದೀಶ ಎಸ್. ಗುಡಗುಂಟಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಶ್ರೀ ಭೀಮಸೇನ ಬಿ. ಚಿಮ್ಮನಕಟ್ಟಿ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ, ಬಾದಾಮಿ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ
ಡಾ. ಉಮಾಶ್ರೀ ರವರು – ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರು, ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್

ಶ್ರೀ ಗೌರವ್ ಗುಪ್ತ, ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. – ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ಜಲ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿ. ಕುಲಕರ್ಣಿ, ಕೆ.ಇ.ಎಸ್. – ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ಜಲ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಸರ್ವರಿಗೂ ಆದರದ ಸುಸ್ವಾಗತ
ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಪಿ. ಮೋಹನ್ ರಾಜ್ ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. – ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
ಬಸವರಾಜ್ ಡಿ, ಬಿಇ – ಮುಖ್ಯ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಆಣೆಕಟ್ಟು ವಲಯ, ಆಲಮಟ್ಟಿ

Hg Dt: 10-12-2025

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (DRT-I)

4th Floor, BSNL Building,
Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A. No. 1525/2024

BETWEEN : BANK OF BARODA, PBB Branch, Bangalore-560 038. **...Applicant**

Vs

AND : Mr. B.K. Bhagath ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE-23(viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE RULES-1993

Defendant : Mr. B. K. BHAGATH, S/o Sri. Kalase Gowda, aged about 35 years, Residing at Flat No.06, Ground Floor, "LANDSTAR PINNACLE" Apartment, Hirandahalli Village, Ramapura Main Road, Avalahalli, Near Geetha Hospital, Bangalore-560049.

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted an Application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Ac-1993 against the defendants / you for the recovery of a sum of Rs.47,99,770/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Ninety Nine thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of Publication or **on 10-12-2025 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be grunted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Tribunal on the 25th day of August 2025.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore - 560 001.

Raghavendra Ravo Manvi, Advocate
No. 94, 7th Cross, Patelappa Layout, Near KNE College, 4th Block, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore - 560 097.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that our cleint **Mamthesh Gowda** S/o Somappa @ Somaiaha intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its lawful owners HEMATH.S S/o Subash Chandra Bose #140, Prashanti Nilaya, Marathahalli Banglore. If any person(s) having any objections or claims, may send their objections with all supporting documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication failing which my client would proceed to purchase the Schedule property as if there is no claim or objections kindly send the notice to below mentioned adress.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Old Sy.no.10/3F2, 10/F3 Industrial converted Land with mugabala E-khatha Number - 150300402100820015 Measuring extent of 1062025 square meters East – west 35.9664 north –south 30.7848 situated at Halasahalli Village, Kasaba hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Banglore Rural dist Vested and Bounded by **East by :** Private property

West By : Yula Homes ltd property
North By : Munirajappa,s property
South by : NH-75 Road

Pavamana law
#102, First Floor, Sri Lakshmi Apartments, TG extension 6th Cross, Hoskote-562114

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE NO. RWF/W/25-26/13dtd. 04.09.2025

E- TENDERS: On Behalf of the President of India, the Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** (Works).

1) Tender No. W.496/RWF/YNK/1062. **Description :** Construction of Type-II quarters (14 Units) in West Colony of RWF (Phase-II) and Construction of Additional Bed Room to Type-II Qtrs 42 Units in West Colony of RWF. **Estimated Value :** Rs. Rs.4,57,88,948.80 & Rs.2,07,08,628.66 = Rs.6,64,97,577.46. **EMD Amount :** Rs.4,82,500.00

Closing Date & Time : 26/09/2025 at 15:00 hrs.

2) Tender No. W.496/RWF/YNK/1066. **Description :** Improvements to existing BG Tracks of RWF. **Estimated Value :** Rs.62,14,723.39. **EMD Amount :** Rs.1,24,300.00

Closing Date & Time : 26/09/2025 at 15:00hrs.

This tender notice can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in**

Dy. Chief Engineer

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Tender Notice No. : 8-MECH-OMS-ICF-TPTY-25-26, Dated : 02-09-2025

PUB/1081

Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer / Carriage Repair Shop / Tirupati acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No: mentioned here under closing date as mentioned below up to 11:00 hours. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Sl. No. 1. Description of work : TENDER NOTICE No. 8-MECH-OMS-ICF-TPTY-25-26, Dated : 02-09-2025 "Refurbishment of ICF Coach for utilizing into OMS - 2000 observation car / track recording coach".

Approximate Cost (in Rs.) : Rs.64,22,115.53/-. **Bid Security (in Rs.) :** 1,28,500/-. **Period of Completion :** 45 days. **Date of Closing :** 24-09-2025 @ 11:00 Hours.

Website particulars : www.ireps.gov.in.

Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen : Office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati.

For further Tender Conditions / details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of Tender Documents, Corrigendum, please visit our website https://www.ireps.gov.in.

Chief Workshop Manager, (CRS), Tirupati.

E-Tender Notice No. : 31-2025 Dated : 04-09-2025

PUB/1083

Senior Divisional Engineer / Coordination / Guntakal acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Closing date & Time : 30-09-2025 at 15:00 hours.

Sl.No. : 1. Tender No. : Engg-GTL-South-1927. **Description of Work : Guntakal Division :** Provision of Cover over Platforms in connection with ABSS works at Rajampeta & Sri Kalahasti Stations over Sr.DEN/South/GTL jurisdiction.

Advertised Value in Rs. : 8,64,06,435.01. **Earnest Money Deposit in Rs. :** 5,82,000.00.

Sl.No. : 2. Tender No. : Engg-GTL-South-1928. **Description of Work : Guntakal Division : Sri Kalahasti :** Proposed Upgradation of station under ABS Phase - II - **(1)** Proposed First floor on new station building, **(2)** New entrance & exit infront of New station building, **(3)** Relocation of dismantled structures under ABSS etc.,

Advertised Value in Rs. : 7,78,41,882.01. **Earnest Money Deposit in Rs. :** 5,39,200.00.

Sl.No. : 3. Tender No. : Engg-GTL-South-1929. **Description of Work : Guntakal Division - Rajampeta :** Proposed Upgradation of station under ABS Phase - II - **(1)** Improvements to PF surfaces, **(2)** Improvements to circulating area by providing entrance porch and parking shed etc.,

Advertised Value in Rs. : 5,09,00,952.71. **Earnest Money Deposit in Rs. :** 4,04,500.00.

Any corrigenda will be issued online only.

Divisional Railway Manager/ Works / Guntakal.

Tender Notice No. : G/E.29/ Tr./Tender Notice/20/2025-26 Dated : 04-09-2025

PUB/1084

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Traction / Guntakal acting for on and behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No. : GTL-TRD-29-eTN-40-2025-26. **Name of Work : Guntakal Division -** Separate Isolation arrangement of Common Loops for improvement in connection with safety GTL-RU & GDR - RU Section.

Approximate Value : Rs. 2,15,43,152/-.

Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 2,57,700/-.

Tender No. : GTL-TRD-29-eTN-41-2025-26. **Name of Work : Guntakal Division -** Outsourcing of OHE Maintenance activities of 120 TKM Private sidings in Guntakal - Renigunta section.

Approximate Value : Rs. 73,00,043/-.

Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,46,000/-.

Closing date and time : 26-09-2025 at 15:00 hours.

Note : 1. Tender Document may be downloaded from **www.ireps.gov.in** by tenderers free of cost.

For Bidding the tender and other details login to **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** Corrigendum if any will be issued online only.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction, Guntakal.

Tender Notice No. : 36/2025, Dated : 04-09-2025 SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS

PUB/1088

E-Procurement Tender Notice

The following Tenders have been floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in** and submit their offers online. **The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website.** Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be entertained. Tender Closing time is **14:30 hours** of the Due date of the Tender. "For all indigenous offers, Earnest Money Deposit will be accepted only via online system as available on **www.ireps.gov.in**"

Tender No.	Brief Description
54255012	Automatic Ticket Vending Machines.
54255007A	Routers with WAN ports in Unified ticketing network.
66257552	Procurement of spared Deutz make for track machines.
76255001A	Mig/Mag Welding filler wire to IRSM 46-2020.
45251004	Brushless Alternator 25kw.
45251073	Set of 120 ah VRLA Batteries.
66257306	Procurement of spares Cummins make for track machines.
66257607	Procurement of CATERPILAR make spares for track machines.
66256053	Track Machine Spares of plasser make.
45251021A	Lead Acid Battery of 1100 AH.
66256285	Track Machine Spares of plasser make.

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening:

SL.No. 01on dt.15-09-2025. SL.No. 02 on dt.24-09-2025. SL.No. 03 & 04 on dt.25-09-2025. SL.No. 05 & 06 on dt.23-09-2025. SL.No. 07 & 08 on dt.06-10-2025. SL.No. 09 & 10 on dt.07-10-2025. SL.No. 11 on dt.13-10-2025.

CORRIGENDUM

Tender Notice No.31/2025 dt.01-08-2025 Tender No. 76251092 due on 26-08-2025 Brief Des; Solid Mig / Mag welding filler wire 1.2mm dia class-1 May be read as Due dt.11-09-2025 instead of existing.

Beside above mentioned tenders there are other tenders having value Above Rs.50 lakhs. For details, please visit Railway website above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Secunderabad.

Open e-Tender Notice No.: DRM/Works/BZA/21/2025, Dated : 04-09-2025

PUB/1089

For and on behalf of the **President of India,** the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following works **up to 15:00 hours** and the date mentioned against each.

Sl. No. : 1. Tender No. : E-37-EAST-BZA-2025. **Details of Work : Name of Work :** Proposal for COP Shelters in lieu of existing rail type COP shelter at BVRT in SSE / Works / BVRM Section. IRPSM ID : 11.06.53.24.3.55.064.

Period of Completion : 12 (Twelve Months). **Tender Value :** Rs.1,70,18,604.35/-. **Earnest Money Deposit :** Rs.2,35,100.00/-. **Date of closing :** 26-09-2025.

1) The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website **"www.ireps.gov.in"** before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.

Divisional Railway Manager
A1361 (Works), Vijayawada.

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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WESTERN RAILWAY

Material Management Department

VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/58/2025 Date 03.09.2025

S.N.	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
500	Rate Contract for Two year for supply of Spares Cummins make engine	1 Set	29-Sep-25
501	R/M Paint Synthetic Enamel, Exterior, Finishing, Color: Black for Railway Coaches	256437 Ltr	29-Sep-25
502	Rotary Bottom Operated Articulated Lock assembly	14586 Nos	30-Sep-25
503	Traction Motor Complete with Pinion.	4 Nos	30-Sep-25
504	Narrow Jaw Adapter For Class 'E'	83026 Nos	30-Sep-25
505	Wood based resin impregnated compressed	13255 Sqm	30-Sep-25
506	Vestibule Bellow Top complete for Gangway of LHB type coaches	679 Nos	01-Oct-25
507	Decorative Thermosetting Synthetic Resin Bonded Laminated sheets	23527 Nos	01-Oct-25
508	Supply, installation of parts of draft gear	54 Set	06-Oct-25
509	Set of Step Size Thrower	16 Set	06-Oct-25
510	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 168 Nos. IP-Based Video Surveillance System	168 Nos	07-Oct-25
511	Knuckle pivot pin with washer	57489 Nos	22-Oct-25

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **wr.indianrailways.gov.in.** **0574**

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KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Registered Office: 27BKC, C-27, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400051, **Branch Office:** No 22, Kotak House, 2nd floor, M G Road, Bengaluru 560001

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.**, under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrowers as detailed hereunder, calling upon the respective borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices with all costs, charges and expenses till actual date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the same. The said borrower(s)/ co borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ co borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereunder in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act r/w rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned along-with. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., for the amount specified therein with future interest, costs and charges from the respective dates. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. Details of the borrowers, scheduled property, outstanding dues, demand notices sent under section 13(2) and amounts claimed there under, date of possession is given herein below:

Name and Address of the Borrower, Co-Borrower, Loan Account No., Loan Amount	Details of The Immovable Property	1. Date of Possession 2. Type of Possession 3. Demand Notice Date 4. Amount due in Rs.
Mrs. Nagarathnamma. M (As Wife and Legal Heir of Borrower Late M. Srinivasaiah) & Mrs. Divya (As Legal Heir and Daughter of Late M. Srinivasaiah) & Mrs. Bhavya (As Legal Heir and Daughter of Late M. Srinivasaiah) & Mr. Chethan (As Legal Heir and Son of Late M. Srinivasaiah), All At: D.No. 163, Kanakapura Main Road, Udipalya, Udaypura, Uttrahali Hobli, Bengaluru-560082, **All Also At:** Site No. 82, Assessment No. 328, Kagalipura Village, Udiplaya, Uttrahali Holi, Bengaluru, South taluk, Karnataka 560082 **Loan Account Number**: 60100751-0399178 **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs. 10,13,197/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site no. 82, assessment no. 328, Property no. 328/82, Electronic property identification no. 150200300100-600303, measuring East to West (30+12)/2, North to South (40+42)/2, in total measuring 861 sq. ft., situated at Udipalya Village, Kaggalipura grama Panchayath, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk . Bounded As: North by: Road, South by: Property No. 94, East by: Property No. 81 , West by: Property No. 83. **Name of the Mortgagor:** Mrs. Nagarathnamma. M W/o Late M Srinivasaiah	1. 01.09.2025 2. **Physical Possession** 3. 22.08.2024 4. Rs.17,40,364/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Forty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Four Only) due and payable as of 28.08.2025 with applicable interest from 29.08.2025 until payment in full.

For any query please contact
Mr. Nagaraj K (Mob. +91 8296621749) &
Mr. Vasantha Kumar P (Mob. +91 9964722505)

Place: Bangalore, Date: 06.09.2025,
Authorised Officer:
For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12251315 10/10/2025	Retention Tank for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (Without Flushing Arrangement)	114 Nos.	1,55,370/-
2.	12251340 29/10/2025	Set of Honeycomb Partition Frame for LHB SCN Coach with AC 3T Berth Suspension.	158 Set.	4,62,940/-
3.	12251321 03/10/2025	Set of FRP Side wall panels for Memu Coaches (3 types).	1) 48 Sets 2) 54 Sets 3) 202 Sets	8,41,680/-
4.	12251306 09/10/2025	Set of Roof panels for 3- Phase Memu/TC & Set of Interior Panelling Arrgt. in Driver's Cab for Memu3PH (BHEL.) Coaches	1) 296 Set 2) 63 Set	11,11,050/-
5.	05251634 03/10/2025	Partition Frame Set for 3PH MEMU DMC Coach	69 Set	1,61,990/-
6.	14251152 30/09/2025	PVC Flooring Roll	100 Nos.	1,00,940/-
7.	05251606 06/10/2025	Pillar	3297 Nos.	59,470/-
8.	12251317 09/10/2025	Non AC Area Ceiling for LHB AC Hot Buffet Coaches	48 Set	1,14,440/-
9.	12251320 31/10/2025	Set of Honeycomb Partition frame for LHB First AC Coaches	23 Set	1,06,510/-
10.	02251450 29/09/2025	Roof Mounted AC Package Unit (RMPU) For LHB Type Coaches with Flat Roof Coach. Set Consisting of RMPU.	543 Set Pl No. 33638147	13,37,380/-
11.	12251285 13/10/2025	Fixing Arrangement of Rolling Shutter Assembly for 3- Phase MEMU/DMC Coaches (2types)	1)459 Nos. 2)63 Nos.	1,70,990/-
12.	02251369 03/10/2025	Supply Installation testing & Commissioning Capacity Pantry Equipments for Retro Fitment in LHB AC Buffet Coach in Zonal Railway	250 Set Pl No. 33651255	50,00,000/-
13.	02251465 06/10/2025	Harness of Underframe & Roof Arrangement for LHB EOG Second AC Chair Car Coaches.	32 Set Pl No. 33622360	7,40,970/-
14.	07251484 31/10/2025	One Rake Set of AC Duct Assembly for Vande Bharat Coaches	09 Set	12,60,000/-
15.	12251313 29/09/2025	Water Tank Flap Arrgt. For MEMU/ TC 3- Phase Medha Coaches.	625 Nos.	1,06,210/-
16.	17251343 03/11/2025	Set of Fabricated Assemblies for LHB Low Noise Power Car	99 Set	1,16,790/-
17.	17241346A 03/11/2025	Supply & Installation of One Rake Set of Layout of IC Doors for Trainset Coaches.	9 Set	8,58,100/-
18.	12251319 30/09/2025	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of One Rake Set of Vacuum Evacuation System for Tarin Set	3 Set	7,72,720/-
19.	01251216A 01/10/2025	Axle Box Housing for MEMU/DMC	2301 Nos.	9,47,600/-
20.	02251455 13/10/2025	Cable Marking System for LHB Coaches.	615 Set	1,07,110/-
21.	04251096 29/09/2025	110V,120 AH Battery Set	85 Set	3,02,520/-
22.	05251727 01/10/2025	Battery Box Complete	38 Nos.	68,160/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website http://ireps.gov.in. Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 18 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 19 to 22 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS heldesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against 1**) Tender No. 17251268** for Procurement of Automatic Fire/Smoke Detection System for LHB Non AC Coaches Including CAMC for 6 Years in which Due date to be read as 16.09.2025 instead of 04.09.2025. **2) Tender No. 17251354** for Procurement of Design, Supply & Installation of Complete Furnishing of oscillation Monitoring System Car in which Quantity to be read as 9 Sets instead of 8 Sets, Due date to be read as 11.09.2025 instead of 05.09.2025 & EMD to be read as Rs.16,13,140/- instead of Rs.13,51,910 **3) Tender No. 17251269** for Fire Detection cum suppression ststem (FDSS) in toilet of Coaches in which Due date to be read as 16.09.2025 instead of 04.09.2025. **4) Tender No. 17251198** for Procurement of Absorption Strip for Flooring, L= 2000 MM in which due date to be read as 15.09.2025 instead of 04.09.2025 & Eligibility Criteria has been revised. **5) Tender No. 17241537A** for Procurement of Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of Aspiration type Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection System in Rake form for Non AC Amrit Bharat Trains as per RDSO Specification RDSO/2008/CG-04 REV-06 with ICF annexure 'A' in which Due Date to be read as 16.09.2025 instead of 04.09.2025.

T. No.: 74-S/2025-26 Dated: 05.09.2025

INTERNATIONAL FLOWER AUCTION BANGALORE LIMITED

#24, BELLARY ROAD, HEBBAL, Bengaluru-560024
Phone:-8431235867 / 8431235858
E-Mail:- ifablimited@gmail.com, Website :-www.ifabindia.org

No.IFAB/2025-26/SE0029 DATE: 30.08.2025

TENDER FOR AMC FOR DUTCH AUCTION SYSTEM / REMOTE BIDDING SOFTWARE (RBS) FOR ROSE & OTHER FLOWERS OF IFAB

Two bid system online tender for AMC of Dutch Auction System/ Remote Bidding Software (RBS) for Rose & Other Flowers of IFAB is invited through Karnataka e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in,** by IFAB Ltd., from the interested parties. The documents are available in the Karnataka e-Procurement Portal only from **30-08-2025,** and last date for bid submission is on **09-09-2025** till **5.00PM.**

Sd/-
Managing Director

DIPR/CP/2663/SSC/2025-26

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES NO E-19/2025

THE FOLLOWING E-TENDERS/ CORRIGENDA ARE PUBLISHED IN IREPS WEBSITE. FIRMS ARE REQUESTED TO LOGIN TO HTTP://WWW.IREPS.GOV.IN-LOGIN>E.TENDER-GOODS&SERVICES (NEW) AND QUOTE AGAINST THESE TENDERS. MANUAL QUOTATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED FOR THESE TENDERS. CLOSING TIME FOR ALL TENDERS 14:30 HOURS.

SL. NO.	TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	QUANTITY
1.	02256354B	INTEGRATED TISSUE PROCESSOR CUTTER AND EMBEDDING EQUIPMENT	17/09/2025	1 SET
2.	26251074	PRIMARY SPRING END AXLE FOR WAP 7 LOCOS	18/09/2025	508 NOS
3.	26252696	SUB KIT POH - 2B (UNCOMMON ITEMS)	19/09/2025	26 SETS
4.	03255629	RC FOR MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF METAL LINER	22/09/2025	182240 NOS
5.	06251132	TRANSFORMER OIL	22/09/2025	59774 LTRS
6.	67255215A	LOCK BOLT WITH COLLAR	22/09/2025	9 ITEMS
7.	26250591	BLOWER COMPLETE WITH MOTOR	24/09/2025	135 NOS
8.	04250960	AXLE BOX PIVOT BUSH	24/09/2025	9523 NOS
9.	26255024	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRICALLY OPERATED WIND SCREEN WIPER ASSEMBLY	24/09/2025	170 SETS
10.	11250579	AMALGAMATED BATTERY CHARGING UNIT	25/09/2025	51 SETS
11.	26250582	16 TEETH PINION OF HITACHI TM	25/09/2025	331 NOS
12.	26251007	LOW MAINTENANCE LEAD ACID BATTERIES 110 VOLTS	25/09/2025	106 SETS
13.	06250057	DECORATIVE THERMOSETTING SYNTHETIC RESIN BONDED LAMINATED SHEET	25/09/2025	10154 NOS
14.	90256054C	LASHING CHAIN COMPLETE	25/09/2025	1190 NOS
15.	11250455A	VALVE REGULATED LEAD ACID BATTERIES 1100 AH CAPACITY	29/09/2025	133 SETS
16.	03255622	RC FOR MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF CMS CROSSING FOR BG 60 KG	29/09/2025	114 SETS
17.	26252062	SUB KIT AOH -1 (COMMON ITEMS)	29/09/2025	170 SETS
18.	06255056	ATVM AND COMPUTER HARDWARE	30/09/2025	2 ITEMS
19.	26253739	LONG LIFE LOCO SIDE BUFFER ASSLY	03/10/2025	302 NOS
20.	01250291	INDUSTRIAL CUTTING GAS	06/10/2025	103987 KGS
21.	26250801	CONTACT SYSTEM	06/10/2025	167 SETS
22.	90256954	EMERGENCY TALK BACK SYSTEM	06/10/2025	20 SETS
23.	52256167	ROOF MOUNTED AC PACKAGE UNIT	13/10/2025	5 SETS
24.	06251025	OIL HYDRAULIC	14/10/2025	62160 LTRS
25.	01254365	KIT FOR DYE PENETRANT FLAW DETECTION	17/10/2025	12689 SETS

THE FOLLOWING E-BID HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN GEM WEBSITE. FIRMS ARE REQUESTED TO LOGIN TO **www.gem.gov.in** AND QUOTE AGAINST THE FOLLOWING E-BID. MANUAL QUOTATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED

26.	GEM/2025/ B/6635704	TELEPHONE ATTENDANT CUM DAK-KHALASI	26/09/2025	22 NOS

THE FOLLOWING CORRIGENDA ARE PUBLISHED IN IREPS WEBSITE. FIRMS ARE REQUESTED TO LOGIN TO http://www.ireps.gov.in-login> E.TENDER-GOODS & SERVICES (NEW) FOR DETAILS:

CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NOTICE NO.E-18/2025, TENDER NO. 03255605, ITEM: RC FOR MANUFACTURING AND SUPPLY OF 1 IN 12 BG 60 KG WELDABLE CMS CROSSING

FIELD NAME:	EXISTING:	READ AS:
TENDER CLOSING DATE & TIME	29/08/2025 14:30	16/09/2025 14:30

PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIAL MANAGER

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Bengaluru Mahadevpura Branch (2421)
Octagonal Hall, KSIIDC Building,
Dyavasandra Industrial Estate,
Mahadevpura, Bengaluru-560048.
Email:cb2421@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule - 13(4)]
(For immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Branch Mahadevpura (2421),** Invoked the Hypothecation agreement by issuing the Demand Notice dated **23.06.2025** calling upon the borrower **(1) M/s Vishnu Industries Shed,** No.5, Plot No.21, First Phase, KAIDB Industrial Area, Malur, Kolar-563130. **(2) Mr Suresh Kumar M** S/o S V Murugesh Achari 239 B Narayanapura Doorvaninagar Post Bangalore-560016. **Also at:** #268/114, Krishnappa Building, 6th Cross, Whitefield Road, B Narayanapura, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560016. (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower/s") to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice, being **Rs.55,24,758.86 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Twenty Four thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight and paisa Eighty six only),** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of its right in terms of Hypothecation Agreement/ Loan Agreement dated **29.03.2023** Executed by you/your Company/Firm/ LLP with our Bank on this **1st Day of September Month of the year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Hypothecated / P&M / and any dealings with the said movable asset will be subject to the charge (Hypothecated / Pledge) of the Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs.55,45,639.62 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Forty five thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Nine and paisa Sixty Two only) as on 01.09.2025** Plus interest & other charges thereon further.

The Borrower's may please to note that he/ she may redeem the hypothecated Assets within 15 Days from the date of this notice.

Description of the Hypothecated / P&M / is as follows:
Movable : Name of the Holder : M/s Vishnu Industries

Sl. No	Description of Machine/ equipment	Supplier Name	Unit	Estimated cost as per quotation Rs.in Lakhs
1	Transport Wagon	M/s S B Enterprises	04	16.00
2	Transporter track and structure with working platform		01	5.25
3	Polypropylene tanks 60"*30"*30"		17	4.64
4	Polypropylene tanks 60"*36"*30"		10	2.99
5	Lifting Barrel Drum		16	7.20
6	V Block gun metal and pp Moulding		01 Lot	1.40
7	Filtration unit: PP dishes type filtration system	M/s S B Enterprises	10	2.50
8	Pipeline (Blower HP, Drain valve water line		01	3.50
9	Barrel Rotary system		01	3.50
10	PLC Base controlled panel		01	9.80
11	Fume Scrubber system		01	6.00
12	All Copper Buswar connect rectifier tank		01	2.80
13	Transporter Wagon with sensors		02	8.00
14	Transporter track and structure		01	4.00
15	Tank		16	2.40
16	Basket SS 304		10	2.50
17	Cartage Filter		03	0.60
18	Heater Titanium		03	0.15
19	Pipeline- DM Waterline RO waterline Drain PVC		 01 01 01	 0.50 0.50 9.00
20	Rectifier		12 Pcd	5.40
21	Convey arise loading system		01	7.00
22	Koel Green Diesel generating set	M/s Shrinidhi engineers	01	4.75
Total			22 Machinery	120.69 Lakhs Including GST

Date : 01.09.2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2

4th Floor, BSNL Building
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru -560 001

O.A. No. 543/2022

In the Matter of : State Bank of India, RACPC - Koramangala Branch, Bengaluru **...Applicant**

And

Mr. Srikanth S. V. Meka S/o. Sri Meka Chiranjeevi Rao & Another **....Defendants**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RBD Act, 1993 (as amended)

To:

1.Mr. Srikanth S. V. Meka, Aged about 44 years S/o. Sri Meka Chiranjeevi Rao, R/o. B-202, silver County Apartment, Off. Harlur Road, Kudlu, Near KSRP Camp, Bommanhalli, Bengaluru - 560 068, PAN: ALZPM7088C, Mob:9972411449, E-mail: srikant4meka@gmail.com

2. M/s. Vivansaa Baalsam (Firm), Represented by its Partner: Mr.Swapnil Agarwal , Registered Off. : No. 88, First Floor, 17th Cross, 14th Main, IV Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560 034. Website: https://www.thevivansaa.com (M): +917676762288/Phone: +91-8025724145 (GPA Holder & Builder) **....Defendants**

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended), against the Defendants for a sum of **Rs.30,72,259/-** as mentioned in the Original Application together with current and future interest and for other relief's.

You are hereby required to show within 30 days of publication of summons/notice or on **23.10.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 13.08.2025

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2 ,
Bangalore- 560 001.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kind attention of the public is invited that my clients **Navinkumar Pramodkumar Goenka** Son of Pramodkumar, Aged about 46 years, Residing at F-512, Surya Palace, Near Navmangal Apartment, City Light Road, Surat City, Surat, Svr College, Gujarat-395007 is intending to purchase the following property:- All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Old Survey No. 55/5,** measuring **1 Acre 5 Guntas,** situated at **Malonagathihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk,** bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by :** Properties of Hanumaiah and Shobha, **North by :** Property of Devaraju R, **South by :** Property of Gangaraju R from its owner **MAHIMAKKA** Wife of Late Muddabyrappa, Aged about 72 years and her family members, Residing at Byranahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, by entering in to oral Agreement of Sale as commitment for purchase of the same.

If any person or persons have any kind of right/s claim/s lien or objections whatsoever on the aforesaid property shall register their claims/ objections in writing with supporting documents with the undersigned advocate within **Fifteen days** from the date of this publication of notice.

If no claim/s received within the above time limit, my client will proceed to conclude the sale transactions presuming no encumbrances.

K.N. Shiva Reddy, B.SC., LL.B, Advocate
No.39/2, 5th Floor, ASVNV Bhavana
Kempe Gowda Road, BENGALURU-09.
M : 9845395963

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring the notice to the General Public that the Originally **Smt. Zubeda Begum** D/o Late Abdul Sattar is the sole and absolute owner of the Immovable Residential Property bearing Municipal Corporation No.46/1. Situated at 3rd Cross, Marappa Garden, Church Street, J.C. Nagar, Bangalore-560005, (Old Site No. 32, formed out of Sy.103/1,) in B.B.M.P. Ward No.62-Ramaswamy Palya PID. No.92-103-46/1, having purchased the same from Smt. Fairoza Begum D/o Late Abdul Sattar through Registered Sale Deed Vide Registered Document No.3792/1983-84, Volume No.3081 of Book-I Pages 18-22 dated 06.04.1984. Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Gandhinagar, Bangalore. Thereafter the said Smt. Zubeda Begum D/o Late Abdul Sattar has executed a Declaration of Hiba in favour of her younger sisters Smt. Sajida Begum and Smt. Fahmida Begum daughters Late Abdul Sattar before the Notary Public on 22.12.1998, and thereafter the said Smt. Sajida Begum has executed a Declaration of Hiba relinquish her half share right title and interest in favour of her sister Smt. Fahmida Begum D/o Late Abdul Sattar before the Notary Public on 13.02.2004. which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder. My client Sri. SYED SIRAJUDDIN S/o Late S. Sabu (M) 9731118699 has intents to purchase the schedule property with the Present Vendor, if any person/s having asserting any right, title, interest, or claims, intending to oppose the purchase in any manner whatsoever, may file their objections with documentary proof within **7 days** hereof, where after, no such claims or objections will be entertained, and my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as bonafide purchaser.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immoveable Residential Property Land and Building having R. C. C. Roof, House Premises, bearing Municipal Corporation No.46/1. Situated at 3rd Cross, Marappa Garden, Church Street, J.C. Nagar, Bangalore-560005, (Old Site No. 33, formed out of Sy. 103/1,) in B.B.M.P. Ward No.62-Ramaswamy Palya PID.No.92-103-46/1, Measuring East to West 45 Feet North to South 30 Feet, Totally Measuring about 1350 Sq. Feet. And Bounded on the **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** 25 Feet Wide Road, **North by:** Private Property No.46/2, **South by:** Private Property,

HAFEEZULLA KHAN M, ARIFULLA KHAN, Advocate
#11/9, Bowring Hospital Road, Shivajinagar,
Bangalore-560001. Mob: 9448071528 / 9449108941,
Date:05-09-2025

YES BANK

Yes Bank House, 4th Floor, Western Express Highway, Santa cruz (E), Mumbai, 400 055

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Yes Bank Ltd.** i.e. Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05-09-2025** for recovery of Rs. 38,15,233.70/- (Rupees Thirty-Eight Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three and Seventy Paisa Only) as on **24th March 2024** subject to further interest and charges at contracted rate, due to the Secured Creditor from **Mr.Harish K (Applicant) in loan account No: HLN002201449584.**

The Peserve Price is Rs. 46,00,000/- and the

Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 4,60,000/-

Date of inspection of property: 6th October 2025; 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Description of property

All that piece and parcel of residential immoveable property bearing Site No. 09, E-Katha No. 150200101800422091, V.P. Katha No. 4739/9, carved out of converted lands bearing Survey No. 193/2, Survey No. 196/A1, Survey No. 191/1, Survey No. 197/2A and Survey No. 197/2C, measuring East to West 18.51 mtrs, and North to South 8.15 mtrs, in total measuring 150.86 sq. mtrs, situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, in the layout known as "Wood Ridge Pride", which is duly approved by BMRDA vide No. A.D.A/LAO/76/2008-09, Dt: 19-06-2014, which is bounded on the: East by: Land bearing Survey No. 191/2, West by:Road, North by:Site No. 10, South by:Site No. 8 and 9. Date and time of e-auction: 8th October 2025; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with extensions of 5 minutes. Last date for submission of bid: 7th October 2025 till 3 PM.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.yesbank.in.**

In case of any difficulty in obtaining Tender Documents/ e-bidding catalogue or Inspection of the Immovable Properties / Secured Assets and for Queries, Please Contact Concerned Officials of **YES BANK LTD** Mr. Prakash Kalmane on +919535470777 or Email : Prakash.Kalmane@YESBANK.IN or Mr. Sharath Kumar P on +91 9148937885 or Email : **sharathkumar.p@yesbank.in** and Officials of M/s E-Procurement Technologies Limited, Ahmedabad, Contact Person - Ram Sharma, Bidder Support Numbers : 9978591888, 9265562821 -079 61200594/ 598/ 568/ 587/ 538. Email: **support@auctiontiger.net, ramprasad@auctiontiger.net,** Website For SARFAESI - **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net**

As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

SALE NOTICE TO BORROWER/GAURANTORS

The above shall be treated as Notice U/r. 9(1) read with 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, to the Obligants to pay the same within 30 days from the date of publication. The sale notice and detailed terms and conditions of the auction is published in New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha on **6th September 2025** and also published in **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net** (online Auction website) for participating in online auction and please refer to the link **https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property** provided in website of **YES Bank Ltd.** i.e. www.yesbank.in. No further notice shall be henceforth given to you.

Date: 05-09-2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-(Authorised Officer)
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Description of property

All that piece and parcel of property called "Lucky Homes" of Land Mark Realties, House List/Site No. 256/71 (Site No. 71), E – Khata Form No. 9 and 11A bearing No. 152800201701320325, measuring East to West 9.144 Meters (30 Feet), North to South 12.192 Meters (40 Feet), in all measuring 111.48 Square Meters (1200 Sq. Feet), situated at Balajigapade Village, Hosahudya Gram Panchayath, Nandi Hobli, Chikballapur Taluk along with all easement and other rights appurtenance thereto and threupon and bounded on the: East by: Site No. 72, West by: Site No. 70, North by: 9 Meter (30Feet) Road, South by: Sy. No. 120.

The reserve price is Rs.13,00,000/- and the earnest money deposit is Rs. 1,30,000/-

Date and time of e-auction: 8th October 2025; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with extensions of 5 minutes.

Last date for submission of bid: 7th October 2025 till 3 PM.

Date of inspection of property: 6th October 2025; 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

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Date: 05-09-2025
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A day after TNIE published an article on the gross condition of the Virupaksha temple in the world heritage site, Hampi, the Archaeological Survey of India staff cleared grass, garbage, and stagnant water around it on Friday. Many tourists and locals said that the ASI failed to maintain the cleanliness

KA Sengottaiyan, a senior AIADMK leader and Gobichettipalayam MLA, addresses the media in Erode, Tamil Nadu, on Friday | EXPRESS

AIADMK leaders back EPS; ousted bat for unity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Theni

THE unity call by KA Sengottaiyan evoked muted response from AIADMK leaders while those who were expelled from the party welcomed it. While AIADMK leaders Dindigul C. Seenivasan and Natham R Viswanathan said they would abide by the decision of party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, those were ousted closed ranks with Sengottaiyan.

Speaking to reporters in Theni, former CM O Panneerselvam (OPS) said Sengottaiyan had voiced people's opinion and stressed that unity was crucial for AIADMK's success in 2026 elections. "In the past five years, AIADMK has faced continuous setbacks due to internal disunity. Anyone who works towards uniting the party is welcome. This is the only way we can revive the legacy and glory of former chief ministers MG Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa," he said.

VK Sasikala, in a press release, said, "Only if all the expelled leaders unite, can we defeat the DMK. Sengottaiyan has once again proved that AIADMK is driven by grassroots level cadres.

OPS supporter R Vaithilingam said Sengottaiyan has strong support among AIADMK cadre and hence his call for unity will be welcomed by all.

Tamil Nadu BJP president Nainar Nagenthran in Tirunelveli said, "Sengottaiyan trying to unite everyone is a good thing. If everyone is united, the DMK government can certainly be removed."

DMK ally and VCK president Thol Thirumavalavan appreciated the steps taken by Sengottaiyan to unite AIADMK. However, he said the senior leader had not fully opened up. "Sengottaiyan did not even name the individuals he wanted to bring back into the party. This hesitation suggests Sengottaiyan has not entirely opened up."

Further, Thiruma said he was not aware who was backing Sengottaiyan's efforts. "If the BJP or RSS is involved, it wouldn't augur well for the party," he added.

ODISHA LIT FEST 2025 BEGINS TODAY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhubaneswar

ODISHA Literary Festival (OLF), eastern India's flagship literary event organised by The New Indian Express, is all set to kick off here on Saturday. The two-day celebration of literature, arts, music and cinema will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi at Hotel Mayfair Convention in the presence of editorial director of TNIE Prabhu Chawla, CEO of The New Indian Express Group Lakshmi Menon and resident editor of TNIE, Odisha, Siba Mohanty.

The 13th edition of the festival, themed 'Notes from the Field: New Narratives, Living Realities,' brings together 30 distinguished speakers across 16 specially-curated sessions. Over two days, the OLF-2025 will gather a vibrant array of voices and diversity of ideas in a bid to create a space for dialogue and churn bold new narratives to shape India's social and cultural landscape. The opening day will feature an engaging mix of conversations and debates. Noted actor and filmmaker Amol Palekar along with his spouse and equally distinguished litterateur Sandhya Gokhale will deliberate on 'Comrades in Arts: Love, Life, and Literature'. This will be followed by acclaimed Indian writer KR Meera's conversation with consulting editor of The Sunday Standard Ravi Shankar on 'Crime Friction: When Darkness Comes Calling.' Sunday too promises equally compelling sessions in which authors and journalists Neha Dixit and Ipsita Chakravarty and writer Divya Kandukuri will speak on 'Margins to Mainstream: Chronicling Invisible Lives' with journalist Lovely Majumdar.

The festival will conclude with a lively Just a Minute (JAM) contest featuring more than 20 participants. The JAM winners will be presented with cash prizes.

Sunday night moon will be blood red due to the eclipse

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

A rare celestial event will unfold this Sunday night and early Monday morning as a total lunar eclipse becomes visible in the sky. The Moon will take on a striking red hue—commonly known as a Blood Moon—offering viewers a spectacular sight across the world.

BR Guruprasad, Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, said, eclipses occur when the Earth aligns between the Sun and Moon. When the Earth's dark shadow completely covers the moon, it is called a full lunar eclipse, which is occurring this time. When a partial shadow of the Earth falls on the moon, it is called the Penumbra. The sun's red wavelengths pass through the Earth's atmosphere and refract on the moon; the moon appears red. And, the blue wavelengths are scattered into the Earth's daytime sky.

Eclipses occur twice a year and are not a rare occurrence.

TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE THIS SUNDAY

Bengaluru: Platform for Astronomy Communicators in Karnataka (PACK) is geared up to spread awareness about the upcoming total lunar eclipse on the night of September 7. The key agenda of the event is to dispel unwarranted myths surrounding eclipses. B R Guruprasad, Director at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, provided a step-by-step breakdown of the eclipse. Interestingly, as highlighted by International Centre for Theoretical Sciences faculty Dr Prayush Kumar, the earth will have "a deep red or copper-coloured appearance. Interested visitors can choose to visit Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium or Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum

LUNAR SPECTACLE

8:58 PM: Eclipse begins (Till 9.57 pm its Penumbra phase)

9:57 PM: Partial lunar eclipse begins

11:00 PM: Moon fully covered

11:00 PM– 12:22 AM: Moon appears red (Blood Moon)

12:23 AM: Moon starts moving out of Earth's shadow

1:26 AM: Moon re-enters penumbra

2:25 AM: Eclipse ends

But this one is unique- a full lunar eclipse, its colour and clear sighting. However, the sighting is subject to weather conditions. The last time India experienced a full lunar eclipse was in 2018, and the next will be on December 31, 2028. The regions of Japan, the North Pole, and Europe will also be able to see the eclipse on Sunday. The full lunar eclipse will be there for 1.22 hours, said astrophysicists.

Explaining further, Niruj Mohan Ramanujam, scientist, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, said, the red colour will depend on the dust in the Earth's atmosphere.

'As per SC, natural course of river should not be changed'

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"As per the Supreme Court judgment in the A C Mehta vs Kamal Nath case, the natural course of the river should not be changed. Despite this, it is found that the river course has been changed. The authorities in tandem should conduct the survey of land in Sy.Nos. 164, 166, 167, 169 and 170 to 178 in Kasaba Hobli of Srirangapatna, compare the land records of the river maintained by the Irrigation Department with the revenue records, fix the high flood level and buffer zone, and take indiscriminate action against all who have transgressed," Upa Lokayukta ordered the Srirangapatna tahsildar.

His direction came as many hotels, resorts, bars and restaurants have not taken the statutory permission from the local body and have also not got the land converted for commercial use from the authority. Most of them are running commercial establishments illegally, though permission was obtained only for eco-friendly buildings as farmhouses, it stated.

The Upa Lokayukta has stated that hotels, resorts and other buildings on the periphery of Cauvery river alongside the Bangaradoddi dam have been constructed illegally by not leaving a 30-metre buffer zone from the high flood level of the river as per rules. The Srirangapatna tahsildar disclosed that these buildings were unauthorised.

Officials told the tahsildar, CNNL, and others to fix the high flood level, buffer zone and boundary, and issue notices to violators to remove encroachments and submit the report.

Ashrama accused of encroachment

It was also found that there is a proposal before the government to permanently grant 1 acre 28 guntas of land (Sy. No. 169) to Chandravana Ashrama of Sri Durdandeshwara Mahantayogi Mutt Trust, which was granted on lease for 30 years about two decades ago.

But alleging that the trust has encroached on the buffer zone adjacent to the leased land, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha District Convener Kiranguru Paapu has written to the authorities not to grant the land to the trust. The Mandya deputy commissioner on August 29, 2025 submitted a 'factual report' sought by the Revenue Department. This was in response to the recommendation made by the regional commissioner in 2022 to grant the land permanently to the trust.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT
O.S. No. 1246/2020

BETWEEN: SRI. N. SIVASUBRAMANIAM, aged 51 years, Son of late P.Nambi Naidu, Residing at No.G-1, Sai Keerthi Apartments, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500 013. Presently at Bangalore **...PLAINTIFF**

AND: SRI. RAMAKRISHNA, aged about 53 years, Son of late V. Krishnappa, Residing at Chowdeshwari Nilaya, Kannamangala Village, Kadugodi Post, Bangalore-560067 AND OTHERS **...DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NOS.6 to 8, 11, 13 to 16, 18, 20 to 24

6. SMT. CHOWDAMMA, aged about 87 years, Wife of Venkataramanappa, Residing at No.79, Konapalli, Chinthamani Taluk, Kolar District. **7. SMT. RATHNAMMA,** aged about 59 years, Daughter of Venkataramanappa, Residing at No.117, Chinthamani, NT Temple Quarters, Kolar District. **8. SRI. NARAYANASWAMY,** aged about 56 years, Son of Venkataramanappa, Residing at No.91-A, Alavatta, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District- 563 135. **11. SMT. PARVATHAMMA,** aged about 58 years, Wife of Venkataraju, Daughter of late Ramaiah, Residing at No.154, Nalavagilu, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. **13. SRI. MANJUNATHA. R,** aged about 34 years, Son of late Ramaiah, Residing at No.369, Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore- 560 049. **14. SMT. KAVERAMMA,** aged about 85 years, Wife of late Pillappa, Residing at No.944, Keshavaswami Temple Behind Road, Vijayapura, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562135. **15. SMT. RATHNAMMA,** aged about 66 years, Wife of Sri Muniraj, Daughter of late Pillappa, Residing at No.353, Ward No.11, Dharmarayaswamy Gudi Beedhi, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural District. **16. SMT. LALITHAMMA,** aged about 64 years, Wife of Govindappa, Daughter of late Pillappa, Residing at No.72, Nalavagilu, Hoskote-562 122, Bangalore Rural District. **18. SRI SENDIL KUMAR,** aged about 36 years, Son of Sri Subramani, Residing at Chowdeswari Nilaya, Kannamangala Village, Kadugodi Post, Bangalore- 560 067. **20. SRI B. LOKESH,** aged about 25 years, Son of C. Balakrishna, Residing at No.34, 6th Cross, Hutchins Road, Cooke Town, Bangalore- 560 005. **21. SRI. ARIFULLA KHAN,** aged Major, Son of not known to the Plaintiff Residing at No.402, 4th Floor, Barton Centre, 84, M.G.Road, Bangalore- 560 001. **22. SRI. JOHN MOSES,** aged about 47 years, Son of John P. Deva Mani, Residing at No.487, 6th Cross, 9th Main, HBR Layout, Thomas Town, Bangalore- 560 084. **23. SRI. MOHAMMED HABEED ULLA KHAN,** aged about 58 years, Son of Mohammed Ibrahim Khan, Residing at No. 12/1, Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra Main Road, SRK Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 077. **24. SRI R. JAIKUMAR,** aged about 46 years, Son of late Rajendra Kumar, Residing at No.A305, Victory Harmony, Next to Sumangali Seva Ashram, Cholanagar, Amar Jyothi Layout, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore- 560 032.

The above named Plaintiff has filed the above suit against all of you for Declaration and other reliefs.

Take notice that the above case stand posed to **27/09/2025** before II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AT BANGALORE for your appearance on that day at **11'0 Clock** in person or through your duly authorized agent to answer the claim, failing which, the suit will be decided in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of portion of converted land bearing Survey No.178/1, presently bearing E-Katha No.150200401700123961, measuring 19 Guntas, converted vide Official Memorandum dated: 17/07/2012 bearing No.ALN.(EBK)SR:22/2012-13, situated at: Kanamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the: **East by:** Land bearing Survey No.178/3, **West by:** Remaining portion of land bearing Survey No.178/1, **North by:** Land bearing Survey No.177; and **South by:** Road.

Given under my hand, seal of the Court on this 04/09/2025.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

Satya Narayana Reddy, Advocate,
SNR LAW CHAMBERS,
No. 22, 1st Floor, 10th Main,
100 Feet Road, 1st Block, HRBR Layout,
Banasawadi, Bangalore- 560 043.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BENGALURU
EX.No.25098/2025

BETWEEN:
L. Ramu, S/o. Late Lingaiah, Aged about 56 years, No. 1526, 9th Main A Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010. **... Decree Holder**

AND
Christina Beaula, W/o. A. David Rajan, Aged about 48 years, No.78, 3rd A Cross, Venkateshwara Block, Ashwathnagar, HBR Layout, Geddalahalli, Bengaluru-560 077. **... Judgment Debtor**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Decree Holder has made an Execution Petition to this Hon'ble Court, enforcing the decree passed in O.S.No.26081/2023, against the judgment debtor herein, which is recovery of amount of **Rs. 12,00,000/-** along with 6% interest from the initiation of the suit till the date of realization. This Hon'ble Court has ordered to issue summons by sub-service through paper publication to the Judgment Debtor herein.

Therefore the judgment debtor is hereby called upon to appear before the Hon'ble Court, CCH-74 at Mayo Hall, Bengaluru, in person or through her pleader, on **10.10.2025 at 11:00 AM,** failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court.

By order of the court
Deputy Registrar
Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru

Sailesh S.K. &
Venkatesha M.
Advocate,
No.40, Milwaukee Complex,
Promenade Road, Frazer Town,
Bengaluru - 560 005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Smt. MUNIYAMMA @ Munirathanmma** W/o. Late Lakshmaiah Aged about 69 years, R/ at No.357, Ambedkar Colony, Byrathi, Kothanur Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560077, **Sri.GOVINDARAJU** S/o. Late Dasappa, Aged about 58 years, R/at No.7, Nanjundappa Garden, PSK Naidu Road, DoddiGunta, Cox Town, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005, **Sri.RAMESHA** S/o. Late Dasappa, Aged about 54 years, R/at No.64, GKVK Road, Tindlu Main Road, Vidyaranyapura post, Bengaluru-560097, **Sri.GOPI** S/o. Late Dasappa Aged about 49 years, R/at No.2587/99, 20D Cross, Ambedkar Colony, Near Amebedakar Samudaya Bhavana, Veeranna playa Bengaluru-560045 **Smt. SAROJA** D/o. Late Dasappa Aged about 45 years, R/at Meenukunte Hosuru, Doddajala Hobli Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore -562157, **Sri.MUNIYAPPA** S/o. Late Dasappa Aged about 42 years, R/at No.2587/99, 27 DCross, Ambedkar Colony, Near Amebedakar Samudaya Bhavana, Veeranna playa Bengaluru-560045, **Sri.MUNIRAJU.L** S/o. Late Lakshmaiah Aged about 40 years, R/ at No.357, Ambedkar Colony, Byrathi, Kothanur Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560077, **Smt.NAGARATHNA** D/o Late Lakshmaiah Aged about 38 years, R/ at No.357, Ambedkar Colony, Byrathi, Kothanur Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560077, hereby by cancels the General power of attorney dated: 28/10/2021 executed in favour of **Sri. Moidin Rizwan Bapnad** Son of Sri. Late M.S. Mohammed Bapnad Aged about 44 years Residing at No.501, Shakthi Apartment, Near R.T.Nagar Bus Depo, 80 Feet, Road Dead End, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore -560032 in respect of the schedule property. My clients has also caused a legal Notice dated 06-09-2025 to the Said Sri, Moidin Rizwan Bapnad and cancelled the Said GPA dated 28-10-2021.

My client has hereby rightly cancelled/revoked the said GPA Dated 28-10-2021 through this paper publication. Henceforth, the above said Moidin Rizwan Bapnad has no right, title or interest in or over the schedule property.

Hence, it is hereby informed to all the general public that not to make any sort of negotiations or transactions with the above said Sri. Moidin Rizwan Bapnad. in respect of the schedule property or any portion thereof and if anybody makes any transactions with the above said person, my clients are no way held liable for the same.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural property bearing Old Sy. No.28, Sy.No.139, measuring 1 Acre 25 guntas, situated at Byrathi village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and bounded on: **East by:** Sy. No.137 of Byrathi Village, **West by:** Sy. No.113/4. Sy.No.113/3 and Sy No.113/4 , **North by:** Sy.No.28 of Byrathi Village, **South by:** Sy.No.125 of Byrathi Village

Sd/- **RADHAKRISHNNA .M.H,** Advocate
No.3341, 1st floor, BMTC Bus Stand,
Avalahalli, Virgonaragar Post,
Bangalore -560049. Date: 06-09-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its Original owners namely **1.** Smt. P. Saraswathi, W/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad, Sri. P. Satya Sai, S/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad, Sri. P.S. Shantha Ram, S/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad, Smt. T.V. Savithri, W/o. Sri. T.V.S.N. Murthy, Sri. Jagannatha Prem @ P. Jagannath Pre Sai, S/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad and Smt. J. Padmaranjani, W/o. Sri. J.V. Chalapathy, all are represented by their GPA Holder Sri. Jagannatha Prem @ P. Jagannatha Prem Sai, S/o. Late Sri. P.S. Prasad, **2.** Smt. T.S. Ramadevi, W/o. Late. Sri. T.V.N.N. Apparao, Smt. V.S. Suvarchala, W/o. Late Sri. V.V. Subramanyam, Smt. D. Sri Mahalakshmi, W/o. Late Sri. D. Pardhasardhi, and Sri. Madhav Nayapathi Seshu, Late Sri. N.V. Krishna, all are represented by their GPA Holder Sri. P.S.V. Ananthanarayana @ P.S.V. Ananth Narayana, S/o. late Sri. P S Narayana, 3. Sri. P.S.V. Ananthanarayana @ P.S.V. Ananth Narayana, S/o. late Sri. P S Narayana, and 4. Smt. Aishwarya. P, D/o. Late Sri. P. S. Venkatachalapathy.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within **Seven (07) days** of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the aforesaid owner with respect to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of immovable property bearing Site No. 313, having PID No. 6000053543 bearing BDA e-Khata Application No. BD007S200001235, carved out of land bearing Sy.No.13/6, in the layout **"The Green Valley Address" (the BDA approval is as 'The Riverside')"** formed in Survey Nos. 9; 10/1, 10/8; 10/10; 10/2; 10/3; 11; 13/1; 13/5A: 13/5B; 13/6; 37; 38; 39 and 40 situated at Doddabele Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560 060, the Layout approved by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore. Site measuring **(As per attached CD Report), A1** 33.68 x 73.14 = 2463.36; 33.68 x 1.64/2= 27.62; 2.25 x 21.98/2 = 24.73, **A2-** 3.01 x 31.96/2 = 48.10; (3.01+5.83)/2 x 8.90 = 39.34; (10.82+5.83)/2 x 10.30 = 85.75. **TOTAL AREA: A1 + A2 = 2688.90 Sq. Mtrs.** Bounded on:

East by : Site No. 312,
West by : Private property,
North by : 12M Road,
South by : Private Property.

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TENDER CALL NOTICE
No.CE/PHD(M)/ACCTS-II/25/502 Dt: 02/09/2025

Name of the work : **"Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of 2.00 MLD STP-III in front of maritime academy for two years (2025-27)".** Estimated cost: **Rs.2,16,04,587.90.** Last Date & time of submission : 22.09.2025 up to 17:30Hrs. Refer our website for details: eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PHD(M), PPA

PPA/PR/37/2025-2026 dtd.04.09.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Teena Singh, aged about 38 years, resident of Bengaluru - 560073, do hereby declare and affirm for the general public that I have voluntarily and unequivocally severed all ties with my parents, siblings, and all other family members and blood relatives. I explicitly disown and renounce any and all relationships with them. None of them shall have any right, title, claim, or interest whatsoever in my movable or immovable properties, assets, or possessions, whether existing now or acquired in the future. Any claims made by them will be considered illegal and will be subject to strict legal action.

Sd/- **Teena Singh**
Place : Bengaluru Date : 05.09.2025

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property) [Rules 8 (1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **30-05-2025** calling upon the Borrower(s) **1) Mr. K E Shekarappa S/o K Eshwarappa & 2) Dr. Sannidhi K S D/o K E Shekarappa, both resident of A) Bhyrasiddeswara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Shravathi Nagar, Shimoga 577201 and/or B) Flat No. 103, 1st Floor, B Block, Deepika's Palace Apartment, L G Enclave, Thindlu, vidyanarayanpura Post, Bangalore -560097 (North side of Nanjappa Circle) and/or Guarantor(s) Mr. Santhanagowda C s/o Chandrashekhara Gowda residing at "Supramod", 2nd Cross, Jail Road, Hosmane Extn., Shimoga 577201**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rupees 41,86,883.30 (Rupees Forty-one lakhs Eighty-six thousand Eight hundred & Eighty-three and paise Thirty only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s) and/or the Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and/or the Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **31st day of August of the year 2025.**

The Borrower(s) and/or the Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rupees 41, 86,883.30 (Rupees Forty-one lakhs Eighty-six thousand Eight hundred & Eighty-three and paise Thirty only)** and interest thereon and other charges debited to the account if any.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment / Flat bearing No. 103, on the 1st Floor Block 'B', Building known as "Deepika's Palace" super built up area of 1480 sq. ft. including common areas, along with common areas attributable thereto, together with Car Parking Space in Stilt floor, together with 296 sq. ft. pf proportionate share of undivided right, title and interest in the land situated at/ bearing Sy. No. 56 of Thindlu village, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, the lans is measuring 4 acres 20 guntas,{East-West: 232 Ft. and North-South: 198+180/2 Ft.}, Now within the limits of Bruhath BMP, BBMP New Municipal Khatha No. 918/56-58; **Land being Bounded in the** East by: 30 feet road, West by: private Property, North by: M/s Galaxy Constructions & Contractors Pvt. Ltd. Built apartment, South by: Remaining portion of the property belongs to Smt. B. Lakshmamma. **The Flat being Bounded in the** East by: Common Corridor & Flat no. 110 of Block 'B', West by: Open space & Private Property, North by: Open space & Flat no. 104 of Block 'B', South by: Open space & Flat no. 102 of Block 'B'.

Date: 31-08-2025
Place: Shivamogga

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda

BEFORE THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL COMPRISING OF SRI. JUSTICE A.V CHANDRASHEKAR (RETD.), ARBITRATION CENTER, AT BENGALURU
A.C. No.764/2023

BETWEEN: Roppen Transportation Services Private Limited, 3rd Floor, Sai Prithvi Arcade Megha Hills, Sri Rama Colony, Madhapur, Hyderabad, Telangana-500 081. Represented by its Authorized Signatory Mr. Vivek Krishna ... **CLAIMANT**

AND: ONB Technologies India Private Limited, S-219, Brigade Metropolis, Mahadevapura, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka-560048. Represented by its Director ... **RESPONDENT**

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To, **ONB Technologies India Private Limited.,** S-219, Brigade Metropolis, Mahadevapura, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka-560048. Represented by its Director

WHEREAS the Claimant above name have initiated proceedings seeking the remittance of the outstanding balance amount along with interest from the Respondents.

That the Notice has been issued through the Hon'ble Arbitration Tribunal, Bangalore and also through Registered Post Acknowledgement Due which has been returned unserved as on the Respondent as on various dates.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Arbitral Tribunal, at Arbitration and Conciliation centre-Bengaluru, 3rd Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed to answer all material questions relating to the suit or who shall be accompanied by some person above to answer all such questions, on **08-10-2025** at **3:00 P.M** to answer the claim, and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intent to rely in support of your defense.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day aforementioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 04/09/2025

By order of the Court, Section Officer Arbitration & Conciliation Centre - Bengaluru (High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru-560 001

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SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

No.EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-3/T.N.NO.18/2025-26 Dated: 03.09.2025

On Behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Under signed invites tender Through e-portal system from Eligible contractors coming Under Head of Account 2701 UALIS **(1) Apprx. Amount put to tender as per estimation is Rs 50.82 lakhs (Excluding GST).** (2) Last date for questions/clarifications regarding the tender **: 09.09.2025 upto 5.30 p.m** (3) Date for Submission of filled tenders from: **03.09.2025 to 12.09.2025 to 5.29 P.M**

Further details on date of opening the Tender/Detail of work E.M.D. Amount/Terms and Conditions of the tender/Class of Contractor, Etc, can be obtained in the Tender Notification or from the office of the Under signed during office hours or in website **Https:\\kppp.Karnataka.gov.in.** for Further details the office of the Undersigned can be contacted during office hours on phone No 08182-254832.Information can be obtained through **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/SMG/No.02-09
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Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL,U.T.P., Division, Shivamogga

LIC HFL
LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by \cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
Ms. Sita S Mr. Srinivasu Reddy Pappula Loan A/c No. 410500002511 Physical Possession Date 02/09/2025	28/11/2022	Rs. 2888707/-	SCHEDULE "A" : All that piece and parcel immovable property bearing Survey Nos. 149/2 150/2, 151/3 and 152/3 situated at Madivala (Bandapura) Village, Marsur Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District – 562106, totally measuring 1,34,610 square feet and bounded as follows; East: By Remaining property of C.Gopal Reddy & Private Property; West: By Sipani Properties Pvt. Ltd. Property Survey No.149/1 & 150/1; North:By Upkar Layout & its connecting Road and; South : By Road. SCHEDULE "B" : East facing, Apartment No.602 on the Six Floor of Block-"A" of the residential apartment complex known as "SIPANI BLISS-I" constructed upon Schedule A Property, having super built up area of 965 square feet consisting of Two bed rooms, hall, kitchen, balconies and toilets, with square feet of extra terrace and along with proportionate (Approximate) 405.99 square feet of Undivided share, title and interest in the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property, with One Covered car parking space in basement level and proportionate interest in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts staircase, club house, swimming pool, gymnasium, and other common facilities mentioned in the Annexure. PID No.150200101800621060.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 06.09.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

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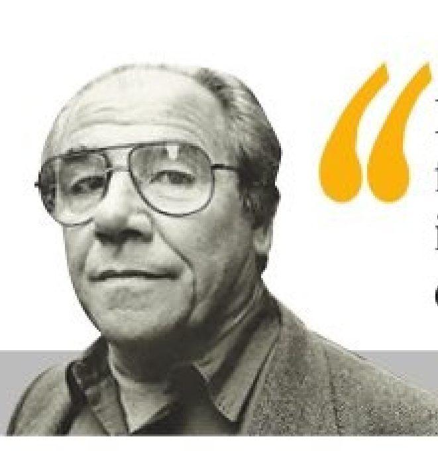

"Driving is a spectacular form of amnesia. Everything is to be discovered, everything to be obliterated

Jean Baudrillard

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— **Ramnath Goenka**

CAN'T SWERVE AWAY FROM COMPLAINTS OVER E20 ROLLOUT

THE goal of greater sustainability is admirable; lining the long road to it with confusing policy pointers is not. India's biofuel mission started almost a quarter century ago with a pilot programme. Soon after, a target for introducing a 20 percent ethanol blend (E20) in diesel by 2011-12 was declared. Revisions in 2009 and 2018 kept pushing back the deadline. In 2022, the government changed the 2018 policy to advance the year of full-scale E20 introduction by four years to 2025-26. Today, almost all of the country's 90,000-odd petrol stations are pumping only E20 fuel, making drivers irate at the lack of choice and worried at the possible damage to their cars.

The technology speaks for itself. The energy outputs of blends such as E10, E20 and E27 differ, offering lower mileage and brake power than unblended fuel. There are also worries about metal corrosion, deteriorating rubber components, clogged injectors, and water absorption—adding up to shortened lives for car systems not built for such blends. What makes matters costlier for owners is that the insurance industry has not yet taken cognisance of the new damage threats, which need to be factored in and paid for. The government has brushed aside the complaints, pointing to the greater good in reducing air pollution and the nation's substantial fuel import bill. The Supreme Court also recently dismissed a plea to reconsider the rollout and offer other fuel options.

A disruption was inevitable given the yawning distance between the off-now-on-again policy and public apathy for it. What's questionable is the manner of the rollout—without working with the industry and consumers to phase it in. In contrast, Brazil, which pioneered ethanol blending in the 1970s, pushed the policy with price incentives, tax breaks and communication campaigns that made the switch economically attractive and easily understandable. The other legitimate question is over price. In December 2017, the transport minister had promised that fuel would be much cheaper when blended. Well, the benchmark crude price today is hovering at about the same level as when he made the claim; yet, retail fuel is about a fifth costlier. Surely something has got to give. The government cannot force down a bitter pill without clearly explaining why it's required, administering it slowly, and keeping the promise to sweeten it—even if it's for the greater good.

CLIMATE-RESILIENT PLAN MUST FOR BHUBANESWAR

A new study has rather alarming projections for Bhubaneswar. An integrated heat and cooling action plan developed for the Odisha capital estimates that, by 2050, 'normal' hot days might turn out to be as bad as heat-wave events. While rising heat projections are a global phenomenon, Bhubaneswar is likely to witness the summer maximum temperature soar by 1.5 °C, with heat stress extending to 7-9 hours daily, posing significant health risks and productivity loss. The report also found a peculiar trend of low mortalities during summer (March-July), but higher numbers during August-October when humidity levels jump. While the report by think tank iForest suggests an integrated action plan, what Bhubaneswar actually needs is an urban development rethink. What must agitate the state government is the fact that the capital—now with a population of about 1 million—witnessed unbridled construction activity in the last two decades. In the six years between 2018 and 2024, the city's built-up area grew by almost a quarter and, at the same time, the vegetation cover plunged by a tenth. More importantly, a whopping three-fourths of water bodies vanished. These factors have contributed to the 'heat island' effect, turning the capital into a boiling cauldron.

Bhubaneswar is among the most liveable cities in the country, but the tag may not remain for long unless urban planning factors in decisive climate action. Located not far from the coast, Bhubaneswar has borne the brunt of natural calamities. Some of the worst cyclones to hit the state have not only dealt severe blows to the city's infrastructure, but these hazards have also caused significant loss of the green cover.

At the core of Bhubaneswar's problems is the regional disparity the state has witnessed in the last several decades. As the biggest urban centre, spread now over 180 sq km, it has seen continuous migration, heaping pressure on housing resources, which in turn attracted huge real estate investments and consequent unplanned, skewed growth. Much of the damage can be contained if the government revisits the city's comprehensive development plan. The change in land use pattern must be carefully monitored, and no-go areas identified and strictly adhered to. The capital of a coastal state requires climate-resilient infrastructure, not just housing projects dotting the cityscape. The focus should be on sustainable growth.

QUICK TAKE

WORDS FOR FOREVER LEADERS

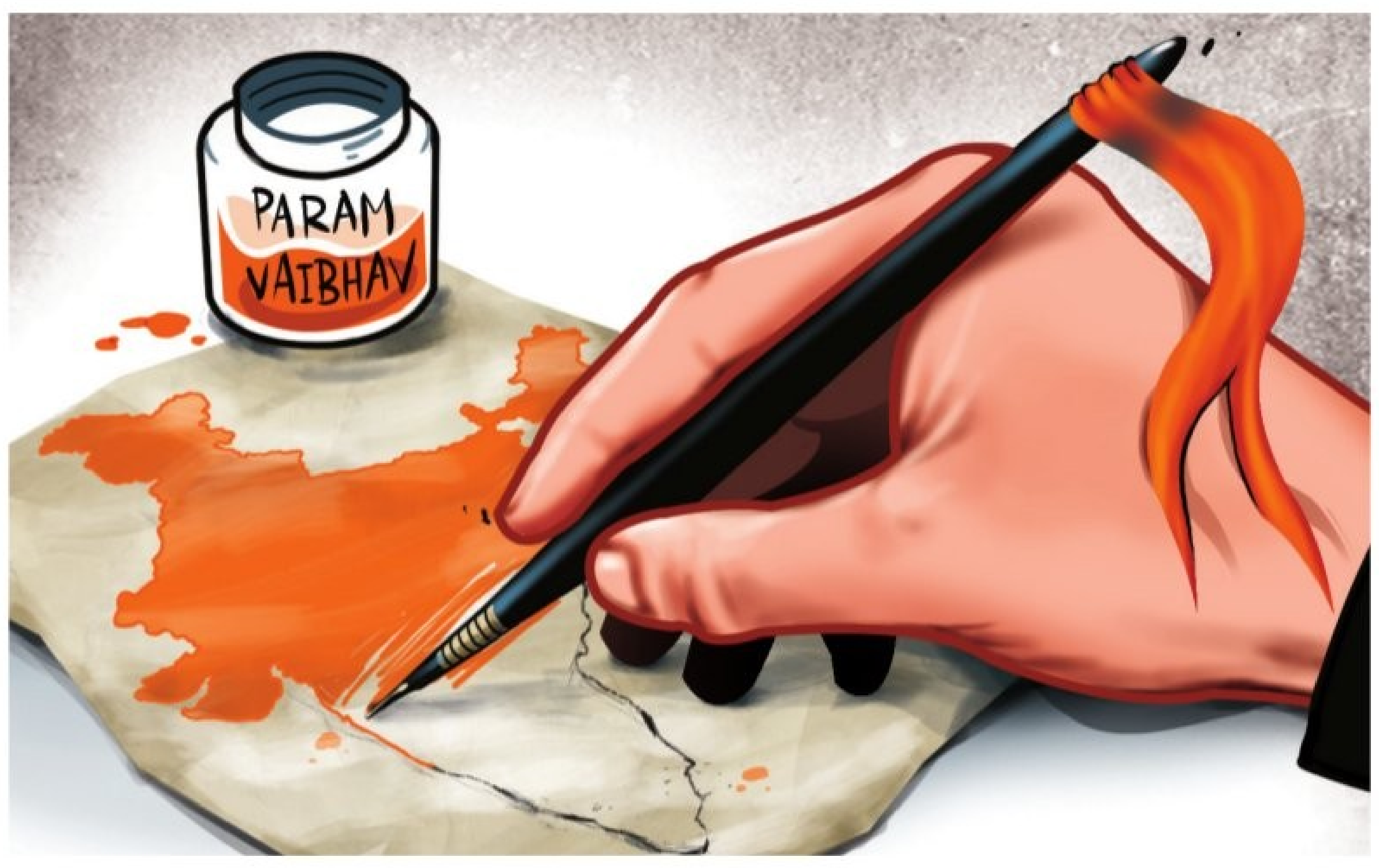
A hot mic recently caught two 72-year-olds discussing how death can be put off indefinitely by replacing organs. It could have been brushed aside a macabre-but-unironic banter had the duo not been Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping walking to a military parade showing off some of the deadliest weapons on the planet. When asked later to elaborate, Putin revealed that the idea obsessed Silvio Berlusconi, who died at 86 two years ago. Perhaps leaders in such mortal fear can take succour from literature: John Keats' counsel to his nightingale against "easeful death", or Aurobindo's Savitri, who retrieved her husband from the jaws of death. Words can be a more powerful elixir for those who project power.

To appreciate RSS's contributions over 100 years, one has to only imagine an India without it. While supporting societal reforms, it has steadfastly insisted on the nation's glory

REIMAGINING INDIA'S SCRIPT OVER A CENTURY

R BALASHANKAR

Former National Convener, BJP's Intellectual Cell; former Editor, *Organiser*, and member of the BJP's all-India training and publication department



SOURAV ROY

THE spotlight is on the RSS because it has completed a century of existence. Also because many believe it is controlling the BJP and micro-managing its affairs. The recent interactive session RSS sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat held in the national capital cleared many doubts; but it disappointed those who were expecting the RSS to explode a bombshell.

The RSS is not used to rattling the cart. It works quietly, patiently and persistently, committed to its ideology and style of work. It is this perseverance and relentless resilience that has made the RSS the unique organisation it is.

The Sangh parivar's detractors have been impatiently waiting for any opportunity to unsettle Prime Minister Narendra Modi's continuance in office. As he could not be democratically defeated, his opponents expected that the so-called imaginary age bar the Sangh was supposed to impose on its pracharaks would open a Pandora's box. But the Sangh doesn't interfere in the day-to-day affairs of its affiliates. It plays a guiding, motherly role. That is why, at this stage, Bhagwat spoke more about social harmony and unity than about a Hindu rashtra.

After Bhagwat's three-day session, the speculation on Modi's continuance as prime minister is over and, understandably, the opposition is upset. He explained that at no point was there a decision to retire at the age of 75. He buttressed the point by affirming that he himself is not planning to step down in September when he completes 75.

He also made it clear that the Sangh would strive for national integration, uphold the values of the Constitution, and that the vision of a united, developed India was primarily the core idea of the Sangh family.

On many occasions, Sangh leaders have proved prophetic. Many years ago, the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh founder and RSS ideologue Dattopant Thengadi had told me that the Sangh would attain its pinnacle of glory when Bhagwat becomes sarsanghchalak. At that time, Bhagwat was nowhere in the Sangh's national hierarchy. The fifth sarsanghchalak, K S Sudarshan, had on many occasions predicted the rise of India after 2012. At that point, the UPA was in power at the Centre and there was no sign of Modi emerging as a saviour on the national stage.

The RSS's declared goal is '*param vaibhav*' (ultimate glory of India). Critics asked why Bhagwat did not speak about Hindu rashtra during his stay in Delhi. Has the RSS moved away from its basic goal? Or why did the sarsanghchalak not take a hard position on the liberation of Hindu temples across the country, limiting himself to Kashi and Mathura? What these critics have not realised is that the Sangh does not act on the script dictated by its adversaries.

The organisation has expanded phenomenally and come to occupy the centre-stage of Indian political debate. Its influence has increased and it has come to influence the course of history in the 21st century. Thanks to the Sangh's nation-building activities over the last 10 decades, its approach is being keenly watched by the world community today.

The Sangh has been a reformative and innovative power in Indian society. It has been progressive in its approach to reforms, new technology and modern gadgets. The Left has fallen by the wayside of history, opposing India's one culture, the Quit India movement, the Constitution, even computerisation, the space mission, private capital, and the opening up of the economy. Its thinkers and historians carried colonial baggage and tried to undermine the civilisational strength of India.

The RSS, on the other hand, took every opportunity to reach out to new areas and adopt new workstyles. It has been unhesitating in adopting new technology, and even changed its uniform—from khaki shorts it changed to full pants, military-style boots were replaced by more convenient modern shoes. Its physical exercise regimen also underwent changes suitable for the modern times.

It has no hesitation in supporting reforms in Hindu society, fighting caste and child marriage, or supporting reservation and the Mandal Commission report. When the Mandal report was introduced by the V P Singh government, the Sangh and the BJP supported it, while Rajiv Gandhi, then the leader of the opposition, vehemently opposed it. Arun Jaitley used to say that the Congress committed a fatal blunder by opposing backward class reservation in the early 1990s and never recovered its old glory in the heartland.

The RSS propounded Atmanirbhar Bharat. It even started cyber shakhas connecting cadres across the globe. Through cyber shakhas the RSS has been leveraging the Indian diaspora, which is a huge force multiplier in geopolitical manoeuvres.

To appreciate the value of the RSS, one has to only imagine an India without it. The country that attained independence 78 years ago has grown, stood democratic and united because of this huge network of the RSS, and the historic and cultural values it propagated. The RSS is the only organisation that has been insisting on the great civilisational influence of India and emphasising how India is destined to play a leadership role on the world stage. It is this training the Sangh inculcated that made great leaders like Vajpayee and Modi, who worked to realise the dream of India as a superpower.

The RSS does not play the role of an establishment. It does not behave as if it is in power. Power has not changed lifestyles, facilities or habits of the sangh pracharaks. The story of the RSS's work can be etched in granite and attributed for future history texts because it has the foresight, devotion and commitment that many other organisations lack.

Like in the matter of *swadeshi*, the RSS had forewarned India about the danger of population control and a strategic demographic conspiracy of enemies. Today, India is proud of its huge youthful workforce, which is a major growth driver. It is because the RSS so heavily invested in India's demographic dividend.

It was the tenacity and insistence of the RSS that built a great wall of self-defence, cultural nationalism and historic perspective that today leads the nation. At all levels, the RSS has a trained leadership. It is the inspirational strength the RSS provided to its political wing. There are dozens of organisations working in different areas like campuses, workplaces or religious gatherings.

The Sangh is reimagining, rebuilding, and rewriting an entirely new script for India.

(Views are personal; a longer version of this article is on our website)

THIS IS MORE LIKE GST 1.2 THAN 2.0

SALEM DHARANIDHARAN

Spokesperson of the DMK and Deputy Secretary of the party's IT wing

THE 56th GST Council meeting unveiled goods and services tax reforms labelled 'GST 2.0'. Listening to the longstanding demand of consumers, the changes collapse the multi-tier tax structure into a dual-slab model of 5 percent for essentials, 18 percent for most other goods and services, and a 40 percent rate targeting 'sin goods'. As the GST system was flawed, any change to simplify and rationalise it is a welcome step. But the question to ask here is: is it sufficient?

India expects a 7.8 percent real GDP growth in the first quarter of 2025-26, painting an optimistic picture. But it masks deep economic challenges as GDP as a metric fails to capture rising inequality, weak consumer demand and high unemployment.

For nearly a decade, sluggish consumer demand has plagued India. This is evident in the some of the latest numbers available for a few bellwether industries—urban consumer goods growth slowed to 2.6 percent during January-March 2025, passenger car sales slumped 1.4 percent in the next quarter, and two-wheeler sales shrank 6.48 percent in July, over comparable periods in 2024.

One of the major reasons for low consumption is increased inequality, as it reduces money in the hands of the far more populous poor and transfers it to the tiny group of the super-rich. A 2024 Oxfam report claimed that the richest 21 people in India held as much wealth as the bottom 70 crore people put together.

As Adam Smith identified many centuries earlier, one of the major reasons for high inequality is taxation policy. Indirect taxes like GST and excise—that are levied on the rich and poor alike—comprise about half the revenues in India, much higher than in richer countries. For example, the Indian poor spend about a fifth of their income on cooking fuel—the highest share globally—due to 300 percent excise duty hikes since 2014. The new GST reforms, with a dual-slab model, offer some relief, but fail to address the fuel duties.

This regressive taxation stems from offsetting the earlier corporate tax cuts—35 percent to 22 percent, costing ₹2 lakh crore—which failed to boost investment, with private gross fixed capital formation at an 11-year low of 32.4 percent in 2023-24, down from 40 percent in 2015-16.

To revive demand, the government must reduce fuel excise duties and reconsider the corporate tax cuts, as lower oil prices would ease costs across goods, spurring consumption and economic recovery.

Though the latest changes are hailed as a revolutionary reform, several anomalies remain in the GST rates, revealing inequity and irrationality. Ultra-luxury items like polished diamonds enjoy nil tax under some schemes, while some processed agricultural products—crucial for reducing produce waste worth more than ₹90,000 crore a year—face 18 percent, stifling 70 lakh farmers in Tamil Nadu. Zero-rating these could boost farmer incomes by 20-25 percent, per an Indian Council of Agricultural Research report.

AFP

The latest GST reforms reverse some of the rate irrationality that bedevils the system, but not all. They ease a bit of the burden on the poor, but cooking fuel remains a major expense. Fiscal federalism has been dealt a blow

The textile sector, employing 4.5 crore nationally and 1 crore in Tamil Nadu, faces 18 percent on garments above ₹2,500, undermining competitiveness amid 50 percent US tariffs and a 10 percent export decline in 2023-24.

While 33 lifesaving drugs are now exempt, diagnostic kits and medical devices, at 5 and 18 percent, burden Tamil Nadu's healthcare system that serves 7.8 crore people, hampering affordability and access. These disparities highlight the reforms' failure to support critical sectors and state economies.

The latest reforms also failed to democratise the GST Council, where the Centre holds 33 percent of the total votes and each state, irrespective of their size or economic output, has 2 percent. With each resolution requiring 75 percent votes to pass, getting things done without the Union government's consensus has become impossible. Only four states—Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana and Maharashtra—contribute almost half the total GST collections, but have only 8 percent of the council votes; they cannot, therefore, pass any resolution on their own.

A lack of consultation can also be evinced. The states were not assured about the resulting loss of revenue and how it would be offset. The ideal step would have been for the Union government to work on a financial model to see the range of revenue losses for each state and discuss it with them.

In order to compensate for the sudden revenue loss for states, the Union government should consider extending the compensatory cess that can partially undo the loss. Though the Finance Commission has recommended 42 percent of revenues to be divided among the states, only 31 percent is devolved—because of the high share non-divisible cess.

The Union government should consider reducing the non-divisible pool and extend the divisible one. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act's debt cap of 25 percent of gross state domestic products, with a 3 percent fiscal deficit target (extendable to 3.5 percent), constrains Tamil Nadu. Relaxing the cap to 30 percent would help ensure fiscal autonomy and drive growth.

The intent to simplify taxation is welcome and will ease some burden off the common man. But reforms without robust safeguards for state federalism and finances risk reducing states to municipalities. States need fiscal autonomy to provide basic infrastructure—such as education and healthcare—and welfare schemes. Only if individual states grow can the country grow as a whole.

(Views are personal; a longer version of this article is on our website)

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Financial fallouts

Ref: *Firms should pass on GST cut benefits, states need clarity on losses* (Sep 5). The rationalisation of GST tax slabs comes as a major breather to consumers as well as businesses. However, the fallout is dwindling revenue and the central government rightly compensates the state governments, especially at a time when many states are grappling with financial woes.

Aanya Singhal, Noida

Disabled realities

Ref: *Take holistic view while recognising disabilities* (Sep 5). The rejection of nine medical conditions from the law reflects a narrow, rigid approach that ignores lived realities. Millions facing severe challenges remain excluded from essential support and opportunities. Disability policy must shift from criteria-driven definitions to rights-based one.

Abbharna Barathi, Chennai

India's edge

Ref: *N-equaliser aside, how close is Pak military to India's?* (Sep 5). The author's view underplays India's decisive edge. India's superior economy, technology and growing global alliances ensure lasting dominance despite Pakistan's asymmetric tactics.

K Sakunthala, Coimbatore

Transformative classrooms

Ref: *Planting the seed of curiosity* (Sep 5). Classrooms are the best places for lively discussions, duly transforming information into knowledge, imbibing curiosity and zeal to assimilate the knowledge derived from meaningful lectures and healthy debates over the subjects which is an amiss in otherwise continuous absence.

Ramalingeswara Rao, email

Surveillance optics

Ref: *Country of broken cameras* (Sep 5). While interrogation rooms may soon have cameras, our streets are full of silent, broken watchers. Surveillance without functionality is mere optics, justice shouldn't depend on faulty wires. After all, a camera is only useful if it actually records.

Babu Krishna, Bengaluru

Productive ties

Ref: *Why the glass from Tianjin is half-full* (Sep 5). The strong condemnation of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) ends the long, deafening silence against the monstrous and ghastly Pahalgam terror attack and massacre carried out by Pak-based terrorists in J&K. The move itself speaks volumes of nurturing relations.

R Sampath, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Raghav Chadha @raghav_chadha
Govt must now ensure that the benefit of this tax cut is passed on to consumers, rather than being absorbed as additional profit by private companies.

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
Education is the cornerstone of a civilised society and a prosperous nation; God has bestowed upon the teacher the role of a guide.

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
On the martyrdom day of Bihar's Lenin Jagdev Babu Ji, I interacted with the masses who gathered in the political unity rally organised today in Sasaram.

India reaffirms commitment to Quad & Ukraine peace process

Despite US rhetoric over trade issues, Delhi seems focused on deepening multilateral ties

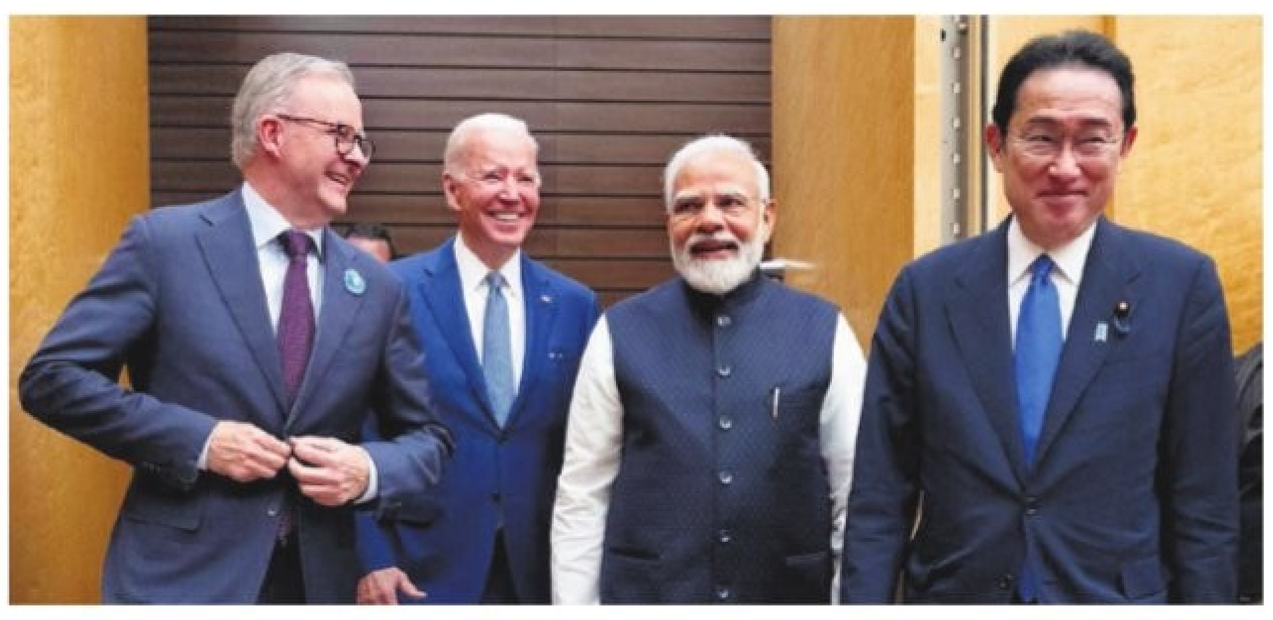
JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

INDIA has restated its commitment to strategic cooperation with the United States through the Quad partnership and emphasised the importance of peaceful resolution in Ukraine, even as tensions emerge over trade, tariffs, and shifting global alliances.

The External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal addressed a range of issues on Friday, including recent comments by President Donald Trump and criticism of India's participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. Jaiswal said that India remains a steadfast partner in the Quad grouping, which also includes the US, Japan, and Australia.

"We see the Quad as a valuable forum for discussion among the four member countries on shared interests," he said.

"The summit is scheduled through diplomatic consultations among the member countries." The remarks come amid uncertainty surrounding the next Quad summit. According to reports in The New York Times, Trump—who has reemerged as a key figure in the US foreign policy discourse—has dropped plans to attend the summit.



- India reaffirms commitment to the Quad as a core Indo-Pacific alliance
- Quad Leaders' Summit still under diplomatic scheduling
- India continues to push for diplomatic resolution and lasting peace in Ukraine
- MEA welcomes all recent global efforts toward ending the Ukraine conflict
- India defends the H-1B visa partnership with US, calling it mutually beneficial
- India underscores strategic autonomy while strengthening multilateral engagements

Despite rhetoric from the United States over trade issues, New Delhi appears focused on deepening multilateral partnerships, including with Western allies.

India continues to engage in ongoing diplomatic coordination with Quad members on future summits and policy alignment in the Indo-Pacific.

Jaiswal also reiterated India's position on the Ukraine conflict and said "We welcome all recent efforts aimed at building peace. We hope that all parties will move forward constructively. India supports an early end to the conflict and the establishment of an enduring peace".

Anti-immigrant stir: MEA says in touch with Oz

JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

THE External Affairs Ministry on Friday confirmed that the government is in active contact with both the Australian authorities and Indian diaspora organisations following a series of anti-immigrant protests across Australia that have raised concerns about the safety and well-being of the Indian nationals.

The protests, held in major Australian cities on August 31 under the banner of the "March for Australia" rallies, have sparked alarm within India's diaspora. The protests held by anti-immigration groups, were marked by inflammatory rhetoric and occasional clashes with pro-immigration supporters. Several incidents specifically targeting Indians were reported, including one that went viral on social media.

Goyal: Will ensure benefits of GST cut reaches consumers

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

AFTER the rationalisation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms, the Modi government will keep a vigil to ensure that the benefits of the reforms are passed on fully to consumers, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, said on Friday. At a media briefing held at the BJP headquarters, Goyal asserted that the Centre will keep a close watch on the implementation process. He added that the industry had assured him that "the entire fall in taxes on various items will be reflected in their prices."

Goyal dismissed claims that the US government's recent decision to impose a 50% tariff on Indian goods might have spurred the Modi government into initiating the reforms.

He clarified that the GST rationalisation was the result of nearly a year of sustained consultations involving state and central finance ministers and senior secretaries. Importantly, he said "This decision (GST) has no link whatsoever with any decision of any country. Such a big change cannot happen overnight," and pointed out that the US decision was made only last month.

While the Centre will closely monitor the rollout of the new tax regime to ensure consumers benefit from the reduced rates, Goyal also made an appeal to the state governments to do the same.

Responding to criticism from the Congress and its allies over the so-called "delay" in implementing GST rationalisation, the minister retorted that such criticism only exposes their own shortcomings. He further accused the Congress of failing to implement GST during its 2004–14 tenure, choosing instead to focus on "corruption".

He went on to allege that Congress-led governments in Karnataka and Telangana had attempted to obstruct the GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman—from approving the reforms on September 3, as it would "expose" their parties.

However, the decision was consensual, he added. Aiming at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Goyal remarked that he is "like a rocket which could not take off despite numerous launch attempts." The minister went on to say that "he himself does not know what he said on some issue earlier and what he is saying now, and people of the country are not affected by his comments."

The minister further emphasised that the Union government's decisions are not driven by electoral considerations. He recalled an instance in which the PM reprimanded him for suggesting that the announcement of an investment project in a poll-bound state would benefit the BJP. "Modi asked him to not make the announcement till the polls," he said, adding that the BJP went on to win and the project was announced at a later date.

Cong accuses govt of 'chronically underfunding' MGNREGA plans

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

THE Congress on Friday accused the Modi government of "chronically underfunding" the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), stating that the move has made a "mockery" of the scheme's demand-driven character.

Reiterating its demand for a significant budgetary enhancement, the party also pressed for fixing the daily wage under MGNREGA at a minimum of ₹400, arguing such a step was essential to kickstart "real income growth" in rural India.

Alleging inadequate allocation, a decline in employment and delays in wages plaguing the scheme, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said Friday marked the 20th anniversary of the enactment of MGNREGA law, but uncertainty looms large on its future.

Ramesh also said that the finance ministry had already spent 60% of its budget in the five months of the fiscal year against the norms; a plan to fail the scheme sought an adequate increase in the budget to ensure timely wage payments be strictly enforced.

> **What should have been an occasion to celebrate the achievements of the world's largest social welfare scheme has instead turned into an expression of concern about the scheme's future** — Jairam Ramesh

"What should have been an occasion to celebrate the achievements of the world's largest social welfare scheme has instead turned into an expression of concern about the scheme's uncertain future under this government... According to the rules of the finance ministry, no government scheme is permitted to spend more than 60% of its budget in the first half of the financial year. However, the ministry has already exhausted 60% of the budget in five months, raising questions about the future of millions of rural families," Ramesh said on 'X'.

The Congress also claimed MGNREGA had not received adequate budget allocation for the past 11 years. Despite high inflation, the budget has remained almost stagnant for the last three years, he added.

"This has turned the scheme's demand-based vision into a joke, and millions of workers are unable to get work when they need it... Wages to workers are paid late, even after the statutory 15-day deadline, and no compensation is provided. Every year, 20-30% of MGNREGA's budget goes toward clearing dues from the previous year," he said.

PM's homework to teachers: 'Promote swadeshi'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday evening described teachers as the foundation of India's future and said their service to society is "one of the highest forms of national service". Speaking to National Awardee Teachers in New Delhi, a day before their felicitation by President Droupadi Murmu on Teachers' Day, Modi said the country's deep respect for teachers remains "a powerful force in nation-building."

"Honouring teachers is not just a ritual but recognition of their lifelong dedication to Rashtra-nirman (nation-building)," he told the gathering. He said millions of teachers across India, like this year's awardees, dedicate themselves to education with "sincerity, commitment, and a spirit of service."

The Prime Minister drew on the Guru-Shishya Parampara (mentor-disciple tradition), saying it had always been central to India's civilisational ethos. "In India, a Guru is not just a provider of knowledge but a guide for life. As we build a developed India, this tradition remains our strength. Teachers like you embody this heritage. You impart literacy and also instill a spirit of living for the nation in the younger generation," he said.

Modi linked the role of educators to his government's development vision, stressing the importance of self-reliance. "Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) is not just a slogan but a movement," he said, urging teachers to explain the concept to children in simple words and local dialects.

He encouraged teachers to involve students in practical activities that highlight self-reliance—such as identifying imported products used at home and finding local alternatives. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi's call for Swadeshi, Modi said the responsibility now lay with today's generation. "Every student should ask themselves—'What can I do to fulfill any of the needs of my country?'" he said. "It is this country that takes us forward in life, that gives us so much. That's why one should ask, what can I give to my country, and which of the nation's needs can I help fulfill?"

Turning to science and technology, Modi spoke of the growing interest among students after the success of the Chandrayaan mission. "It has inspired millions of students to aspire to become scientists and innovators," he said. He highlighted Atal Innovation Mission and Atal Tinkering Labs, noting that more than 10,000 labs are already operational across India, with approval given for an another 50,000.

"The success of these initiatives depends greatly on the dedicated efforts of teachers nurturing the next generation of innovators," he said.

Dress code at C'garh event irks teachers

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE teachers honoured at the function organised at Raj Bhawan in Raipur on the occasion of Teachers' Day felt "unhappy" owing to the 'mandatory dress code' and other "unexpected" conduct during the programme. While men were asked to wear navy blue blazers, white shirts and black trousers, women were told to dress up in off-white or beige cream.

"This year, for the first time, a dress code was imposed, and teachers were honoured in groups of five instead of individually. Simply requesting formal attire would have sufficed," said Virendra Dubey, state president of the Shaley Shikshak Sangh.

"Teachers were only called in batches for photo sessions with the Governor and CM. If each award had been personally conferred by the Governor, it would have added dignity to the recognition. Even the President of India honours 45 teachers individually." Governor Ramen Deka and CM Vishnu Deo Sai felicitated 64 teachers.

Gujarat's biggest betting kingpin in CBI net

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA & MUKESH RANJAN @Ahmedabad/New Delhi

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday said that, in collaboration with Gujarat police and the Union ministries of external affairs and home, it has successfully brought back wanted fugitive and economic offender Harshit Babulal Jain from the UAE.

In an official statement, the CBI said Jain was wanted by Gujarat Police in a case of tax evasion, illegal gambling and money laundering. He had earlier got the Red Corner Notice (RCN) published against Jain through Interpol on August 9, 2023, at the request of Gujarat Police. "Jain was deported from the UAE and was handed over to Gujarat Police on Friday at Ahmedabad International Airport," the agency said.

Harshit Jain is the mastermind behind Gujarat's biggest cricket betting scam, worth over ₹2,300 crore. Jain, who fled to Dubai after a police raid in March 2023, was deported to Ahmedabad after a Red Corner Notice was issued through Interpol. His arrest is the latest breakthrough in a multi-layered digital betting racket linked to India's most notorious bookie, Saurabh Chandrakar, aka Mahadev Bookie.

The Madhupura cricket betting scam the largest gambling racket, has reached a climax. DIG of State Monitoring Cell Nirlipta Rai said, "Harshit Jain, the key accused in the betting racket, had fled India. Acting on specific intelligence, we launched a search and issued a lookout notice in coordination with central agencies. When Jain was located, a formal proposal was sent to Dubai authorities on December 9, 2023, through the Gujarat Home Ministry, the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Ministry of External Affairs to bring him back to India. Based on this proposal, he was deported on September 5, 2025, and taken into SMC custody directly from the airport."

"During our investigation, we traced transactions worth ₹2,300 crore across multiple bank accounts. Of these, ₹9.62 crore spread across 481 accounts has been frozen. Out of 1,507 bank accounts linked to betting activities, 139 accounts have been blocked. So far, 37 people have been arrested, lookout circulars have been issued for 8 accused, and 3 Red Corner Notices, 2 Provisional Requests, and 2 Extradition Proposals have been sent," he added.

The breakthrough came after Dubai Police tracked Jain using the Interpol alert, paving the way for his deportation. The Gujarat Police's State Monitoring Cell, which spearheaded the operation, had been pursuing Jain since he vanished following a Police Control Branch raid in March 2023.

The first big catch was Deepak Thakkar, a Class 8 dropout from Bhabhar, Banaskantha, arrested by SMC in Dubai in September 2024. Once a small-time stock dealer, he had built a high-tech betting empire from two offices in Vejalpur's PNTC Complex under the name V.V.I.P. Software, using the MetaTrader app for illegal trades.

Raids on his office revealed digital trails of agents, bets, and fund flows. Investigators found that Jain had bought a "master ID" from Thakkar to run Mahavir Enterprise. The ₹2,300 crore traced so far comes from Jain's single ID with 500 more IDs active; the racket's actual scale could be far greater.

So far, 37 people, including Jain and Thakkar, have been arrested. Taral Bhatt, the PCB officer who first exposed the scam, was later booked in a sabotage case, clouding the probe's early phase.

No clarity on Project 75, Navy worries on underwater capability continue

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE protracted worries of the Indian Navy over its underwater combat strength continues, while Project 75 India expected few years to deliver first submarine, there is no clarity on Project 75 (additional ones) which is to manufacture three submarines of the Project 75, Scorpene Class. As per sources, "There is no clarity yet on the progress of the project 75 India and there is likelihood of the timeline getting extended." Also, there is no clarity on the three additional Scorpene Class submarines to be manufactured by the Mazagon Dockyard Limited (MDL), Mumbai", they added.

The MDL will lead the project 75 India under strategic partnership (SP) with Germany's TKMS (ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems). The twin projects, estimated to cost over ₹1.06 lakh crore, involve the Project 75-India (₹70,000 cr) and add-on project (₹36, 000cr).

The negotiations for the additional Scorpene-class submarines have been completed and submitted. Things are already delayed for the Expression of Interest for six advanced AIP integrated submarines was issued in 2019. From the date of the contract signed it would take 7-8 years for the first submarine to get inducted.

The earlier Project 75 Scorpene class, with the French Naval Group, faced huge time and cost overrun. The Project 75-I is already delayed and if the project gets confirmed this year the first submarine of its class will be inducted by 2032.

Project 75-I is for the construction of six modern submarines with the Air Independent Propulsion technology. Project 75 (add-ons) is for the construction of three Scorpene-class submarines.

This newspaper has been bringing out the concerns that Indian Navy platforms are reaching obsolescence; therefore, the new additions, should not only replace the older ones but also increase the overall numbers. This stands true more in case of Indian Navy's underwater arm of submarines.

The submarine's underwater fighting capabilities, even after the addition of six indigenously manufactured Scorpene-class submarines, are plagued by obsolete boats (submarines). Although new boats have been added and new projects are in the pipeline, the Indian Navy's submarine arm has been plagued by obsolescence and is currently operating 12 vintage submarines. This newspaper has earlier reporter that the delay in P75 was substantial as the contract for six Scorpene submarines (Kalvari-class) worth ₹18,706 crore was signed in 2005. While the cost escalated to about ₹23,000 crore, the first of the Scorpene submarines built at MDL was inducted in 2017 instead of 2012.

UNLOCKING LAND

The West Bengal Cabinet has approved a key policy for the conversion of non-residential plots for real estate and housing purposes in a major push to unlock under-utilised land across the state.

2 DIE BY SUICIDE IN UP'S BALLIA DISTRICT

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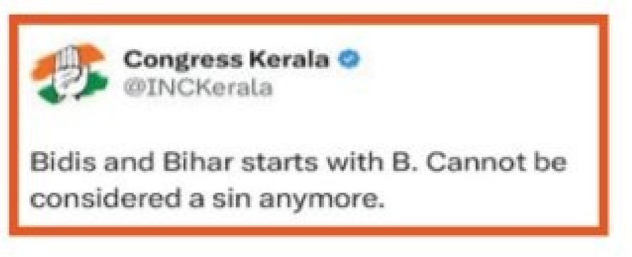
Jaipur	28	24	Patna	34	28
Amritsar	31	26	Lucknow	33	27
Chennai	34	28	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	32	27	Imphal	29	22
Srinagar	26	16	Chandigarh	30	26

Kerala Cong's 'Biharis, bidis' jibe irks Tejashwi

Tweet on GST reforms reducing tax on bidis to 18% deleted quickly

RAMASHANKAR @Patna



Congress Kerala
@INCKerala

Bidis and Bihar starts with B. Cannot be considered a sin anymore.

A social media post by the Kerala Congress, likening Bihar to a bidi, has snowballed into a political storm in the state, with leaders cutting across party lines condemning the remark and demanding an apology.

The tweet, which read "Bidis and Bihar start with B. Cannot be considered sin anymore", was deleted shortly after it appeared, but not before drawing sharp criticism from NDA leaders. The comment was made in the context of recent GST reforms that reduced the tax rate on bidis from 28 to 18%, while increasing duties on cigars, cigarettes, and other tobacco products to 40 percent.

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, addressing a hurried press conference in Patna, distanced himself from the controversy. "I am not aware of Kerala Congress making any such remark. I have not seen the post, so I cannot make any comment on it. But if it (Kerala Congress) has made any objectionable remark against Bihar, it should definitely apologise," he said.

The issue comes at a sensitive time, with assembly elections barely two months away. On the other hand, Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Samrat Choudhary said, "First, they insulted the revered mother of our honourable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi Ji, and now they insult the entire Bihar. This is the true character of Congress, which is being exposed before the country."

Union Minister and senior BJP leader Nityanand Rai accused Congress and its ally RJD of taking pleasure in humiliating Biharis. "People of Bihar will teach a lesson to everyone who tries to hurt their self-respect."

JD(U) working president Sanjay Jha called the post "extremely shameful," adding, "B doesn't just mean beedi, it also means buddhi (intellect), which you lack! … By making a mockery of Bihar, Congress has not only insulted the people once again, but mocked the glorious history of the country and democracy."

Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Kumar countered that the message was "twisted and wrongly presented before people" by the BJP and JD(U). "They have insulted Bihar and Biharis by twisting the message," he said.

Blow to Nitish as 2 JD(U) leaders join Kishor's party

The Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led Janata Dal (United) received a setback on Friday as two its prominent leaders, Dasai Choudhary and Bhuvan Patel, resigned from the party and crossed over to the Jan Suraaj Party—founded by Prashant Kishor—ahead of the Assembly elections scheduled to be conducted later this year.

Mob smashes Ashok emblem at Hazratbal shrine in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

TENSION gripped Srinagar when a mob smashed the Ashok emblem on the foundation of the revered Hazratbal shrine after the Friday prayers. J&K Waqf Board chairperson Darakshan Andrabi—a BJP leader—termed the incident a "terror attack" and asked police to register FIRs against those involved, including NC MLA Tanvir Sadiq. Andrabi directed the police to the book the attackers under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA).

While indulging in violence, the mob raised pro-Islamic slogans, and termed the Ashok emblem on the foundation stone "un-Islamic".

The foundation stone was inaugurated on September 3 by Andrabi, whose name was also inscribed on it. NC MLA Tanvir Sadiq, who is close to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, flagged the issue on X, saying, "I'm not a religious scholar but in Islam, idol worship is strictly forbidden—the gravest of sins. The foundation of our faith is Tawheed".

"Placing a sculpted figure, at the revered Hazratbal Dargah goes against this very belief. Sacred spaces must reflect only the purity of Tawheed, nothing else," the MLA said.

Andrabi further said, "Breaking an emblem is a big crime and a terrorism act. "

Uproar over holiday in J&K, Omar says decision by L-G 'inconsiderate'

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

A major row has erupted in Jammu and Kashmir after the Lieutenant-Governor administration declared a public holiday for Eid-e-Milad un Nabi (birthday of Prophet Muhammad) a day earlier and failed to reschedule the holiday, prompting sharp criticism from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who said the deliberate decision by the unelected government to not shift the holiday is "inconsiderate and designed to hurt the sentiments of the people, and other political and religious leaders".

The Eid-e-Milad un Nabi is being celebrated by Muslims across the world on 12th of Rabi Al Awwal, the third month of the Islamic lunar calendar.

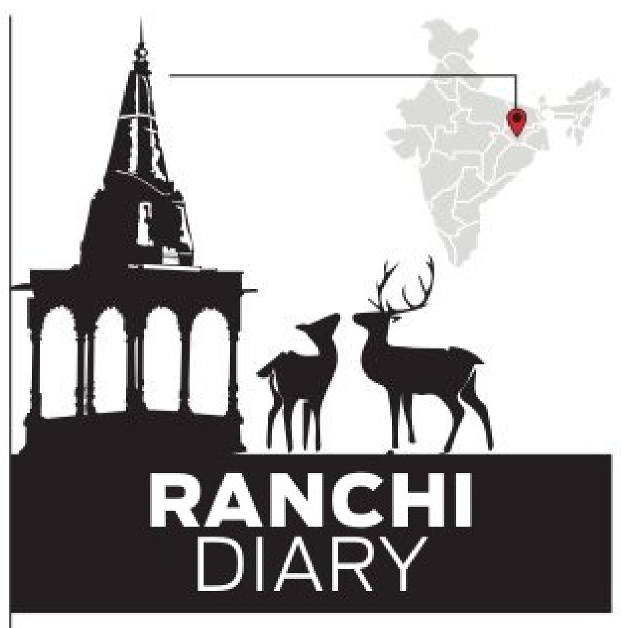
According to the sighting of the crescent moon, the 12th of Rabi-Al-Awwal in J&K falls on Saturday (September 6), but the holiday on account of the festival was declared on Friday as per the holiday calendar issued by the General Administration Department.

The GAD in its list of holidays mentions that all Muslim holidays are "subject to the appearance of the moon". However, GAD did not change the date of the Eid-e-Milad holiday despite requests from different quarters. The GAD falls under the Chief Minister's Office, but is headed by an IAS officer, and all IAS officers in J&K directly report to Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha.

CM Abdullah took to X and wrote: "The calendar printed by the Government press is very clear – 'Subject to the appearance of the moon'. It means that the holiday is subject to change depending upon the moon being sighted."

"The deliberate decision by the unelected government to not shift the holiday is inconsiderate & designed to hurt the sentiments of the people. #EidMiladUnNabi #eidmiladunnabi2025," he stated. Health and Education Minister Sakina Ittoo called the decision "totally unjust", adding that "this is playing with the emotions of the people."

J&K Grand Mufti Nasir-ul-Islam said, "This is a total mismatch & reflects a negative approach towards a revered day." PDP leader Iltija Mufti termed the incident "unfortunate".



RANCHI DIARY

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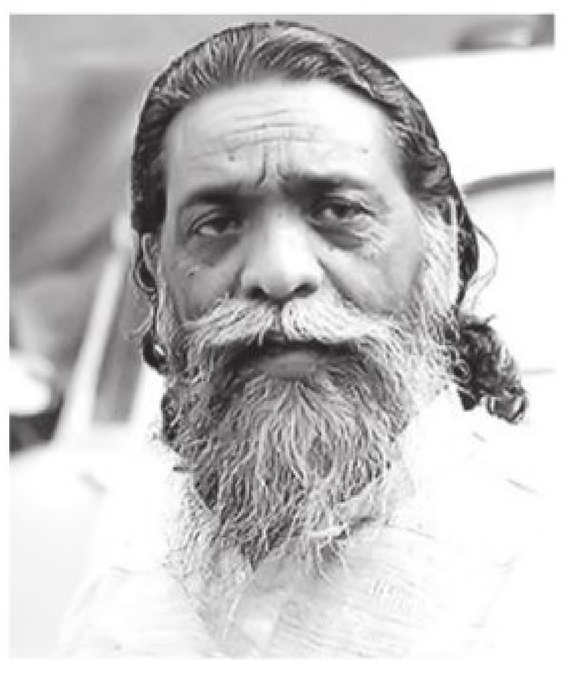
Govt announces plan to preserve Shibu's legacy

The Jharkhand government has announced plans to honour Shibu Soren by converting his official residence at Morhabadi in Ranchi into the Guruji Memorial Museum. Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari and Urban Development Minister Sudivya Kumar presented this proposal to Chief Minister Hemant Soren during a Cabinet Meeting, highlighting the intention to preserve Soren's contributions for future generations. The cabinet also reviewed a proposal to develop a park and install a statue at Soren's birthplace and early political base, Chirudih in Jamtara district, an area regarded for its historical association with Soren's career.



Three encounters rock state in a month

As police action against Maoists and organised criminals has intensified in Jharkhand, three encounters have taken place every month in the last eight months in the state. A total of 26 Maoists and three notorious criminals have been killed in encounters with the security forces in different districts. The forces have suffered losses too—at least five security personnel have died during these encounters. The latest incident took place on Wednesday, where two policemen were killed and another was seriously injured in an encounter with the banned Maoist outfit, Tritiya SammelanPrastuti Committee (TSPC), in Palamu.

Misty the female giraffe at Birsa Zoo is no more

A female giraffe, Misty, brought to Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park from the Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata 28 days ago, died late on Wednesday night. She was ill for two days and had eaten fodder during the day on Wednesday. According to zoo officials, she fell in her enclosure and died before the doctors could reach her. After conducting a post-mortem on Thursday, the body was buried in her enclosure. The cause of death is yet to be ascertained. The six-year-old Misty and a pair of silver pheasants had been brought to the Ranchi zoo as part of an inter-zoo animal exchange programme with the Kolkata zoo.

CM meets diplomats in Delhi, says connectivity key strength of Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

GUJARAT has established itself as a hub of robust global connectivity by attracting $69 billion in FDI and contributing 27% to India's exports, CM Bhupendra Patel has said.

Patel made the observation while interacting with diplomats and heads of missions in New Delhi as a prelude to the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC). The event was attended by ambassadors, high commissioners, and representatives from about 45 nations.

In this session, the CM said, "Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, which began in 2003, has grown into a resounding success. By providing policy-driven governance, an investor-friendly environment, and well-structured infrastructure, the state has become the best destination for foreign investors."

The CM emphasised that connectivity and the industrial ecosystem are the state's strengths. With the country's longest coastline, 49 ports, and a multimodal transport network under PM Gati Shakti, it has secured a leading position in logistics and exports. It contributes 18% to the country's industrial output, he said.

Sudhakar Dalela, Secretary of the Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of External Affairs said, "The VGRCs are an important step following the success of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit and will serve as a platform to showcase regional strengths and promote grassroots development."

Shivraj flags illegal mining behind weak embankments

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

DESCRIBING the flood situation in Punjab as a "deluge", Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said illegal mining had weakened embankments and contributed to the disaster, while assuring that the Centre would plan to lift the state out of the crisis.

Chouhan, who visited several affected areas in Amritsar, Gurdaspur, and Kapurthala districts at the PM's instruction, said he would submit a detailed report to the Prime Minister. "The crisis is big, but the Central Government will leave no stone unturned to overcome this crisis," he said.

He rode a tractor to personally assess damages to the paddy crop by the floodwater.Chouhan pointed to weakened embankments along the Sutlej, Beas, Ravi, and Ghaggar rivers. "These were strengthened during the NDA government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and then chief minister Parkash Singh Badal. However, due to illegal mining, they have weakened, and water has entered the villages. Now it is necessary to strengthen those structuresto prevent such tragedies in future," he said.

Beas records highest water inflow, high alert in Ludhiana

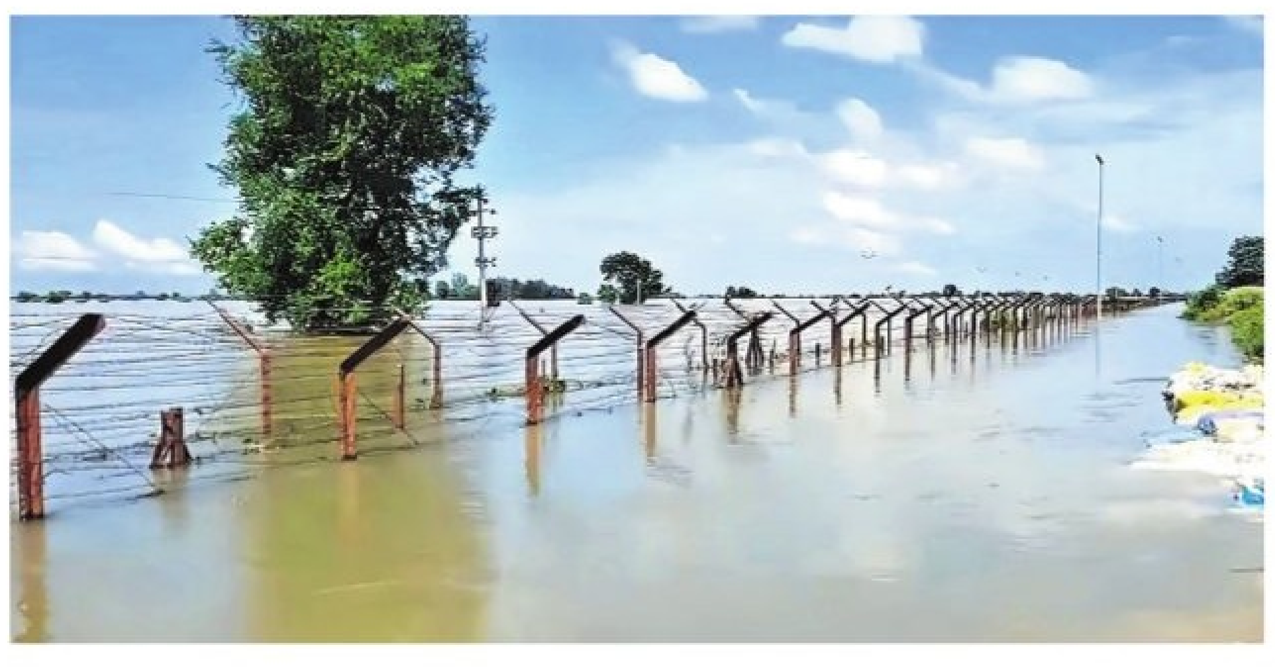
HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE Beas river has experienced its highest ever water inflow in recorded history, touching 11.70 billion cubic meters (BCM) between July 1 and September 5. Despite this unprecedented inflow, the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) maintained a controlled release of not more than one lakh cusecs, according to the board's chairman, Manoj Tripathi.

This year, the inflow was 20% higher than in 2023, when the Beas had received 9.52 BCM, and much above the previous highs of 7.94 BCM in 1988 and 5 BCM in 2019. "This year's inflow is unprecedented; never before has the Beas carried such volumes," he remarked.

On the Bhakra Dam, Tripathi said the reservoir recorded one of its highest inflows at 9.11 BCM. "In 1988, the inflow was 9.52 BCM, while in 2019 it was 8.59 BCM. The inflow this year is almost equivalent to that of those years," he said.

Importantly, the water level has not been allowed to breach the maximum permissible mark of 1,680 feet. "In 1988, the level had crossed 1,685 feet, but this year it stands at around 1,679 feet," he added.



110 km of fence near zero line on IB damaged

Around 110 km of the fence near zero line on the Indo-Pak International Border (IB) has been damaged. Further, about 90 BSF posts and border pillars have been inundated due to floods in the forward areas of Punjab and Jammu, drastically altering the landscape.

Tripathi also pointed out that a rule curve for water regulation was introduced last year, following the 2023 floods, in consultation with the Central Water Commission (CWC). "The rule curve prescribes how much water should be stored at a given date, based on historical inflows and IMD data. We are now strictly adhering to it," he said.

Referring to the Pong Dam, he noted that despite receiving the maximum inflow, the release was kept at 1.51 lakh cusecs, which was still lower than that in 2023. "Even though the inflows have been over one lakh cusecs for several days, we have avoided sudden large discharges of 2–2.5 lakh cusecs. The releases have been gradual, controlled and done with the consent of all partner states, strictly following the rule curve," Tripathi explained.

He also clarified that the release of water is not an arbitrary decision but is determined by a technical committee comprising BBMB members, chief engineers of partner states, and the CWC.

Audio out, Pawar threatens woman IPS officer

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has landed in major trouble after a video went viral allegedly showing him threatening a woman IPS officer while intervening in a case related to illegal sand quarrying in Solapur district.

Opposition leaders and social activists have questioned Pawar's objectionable conduct and demanded his resignation. The video of a conversation between Pawar and IPS officer Anjana Krishna V S from the 2022 -23 batch has been widely circulated since Thursday evening. In the video, Krishna is seen speaking over the phone with Pawar. Anjana Krishna hails from Kerala and has received her first probationary posting as Sub-Divisional PoliceOfficer in Solapur district.

In his response to the charge of rebuking the officer, Pawar asserted that his intention was not to interfere with law enforcement but to "ensure that the situation on the ground remained calm and did not escalate further".

He posted on X: "I have the highest respect for our police force and its officers, including the women officers who serve with distinction and courage. I value the rule of law above all." He added that he remains "firmly committed to transparent governance and to ensuring that every illegal activity, including sand mining, is dealt with strictly as per the law".

According to sources, workers associated with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) led by Pawar were allegedly involved in illegal sand quarrying. A complaint was lodged at Madha police station regarding the activity. Acting on the complaint, Krishna reportedly rushed to the spot to stop the illegal operations. Subsequently, Pawar's party workers allegedly contacted him and urged him to intervene.

In the viral video, Krishna is heard speaking to Pawar over another person's phone. She allegedly failed to recognise him and asked him to call her official number directly instead of speaking through someone else's phone. This reportedly irritated Pawar, who tried to introduce himself as Deputy Chief Minister. However, Krishna remained insistent.

An angry Pawar allegedly told her, "How dare you talk to the DCM in such a way? I will take action against you so that you remember my face." He then reportedly made a video call to her on her official number, asking her not to take action against the illegal sand quarrying and directing her to speak with the town revenue officer.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut stated that the video proves the state is being run by bending rules and threatening upright officers. "If the PM and CM Devendra Fadnavis have any morality left, they should sack Ajit Pawar from the DCM post and file a complaint against him for threatening the IPS officer," he said.

Farmer murder: Jaisalmer admin razes shops of accused, last rites performed

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

IN the case of the murder of farmer Khet Singh, who was opposing illegal poaching and was later killed by hunters in Dangri village, the administration took stern action on Thursday night by demolishing the illegal properties of three accused.

According to police, a few days ago, Khet Singh tried to stop hunters from killing deer. On Wednesday night, the accused allegedly attacked him with sharp weapons while he was sleeping in his field. He succumbed to injuries on Thursday morning, triggering tension across the village.

Initially, villagers refused to cremate the body, demanding strict action against the culprits. As protests escalated, mobs torched shops, vehicles, and a dumper belonging to the accused's family. In response, police dispersed the crowd with a lathi charge and tear gas after several policemen were injured by stone pelting. Over two dozen protesters were detained during the unrest.

District SP Abhishek Shivhare confirmed that three accused—Ladu Khan, Alam Khan, and Khete Khan—were arrested and their vehicle seized. He said the murder was primarily motivated by Khet Singh's opposition to hunting.

On Friday morning, after prolonged negotiations, authorities demolished five illegal shops linked to the accused and removed fencing from 150 bigha of encroached government land they had been cultivating. Only after these measures were taken did the villagers agree to conduct the cremation. Khet Singh's last rites were performed around noon under heavy police security.

31
people were killed in a boat accident on a river in north-central Nigeria

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	36	23	SNY	Los Angeles	27	17	SNY
Colombo	31	27	LC	Melbourne	16	6	SNY
Dhaka	32	27	LR	Moscow	28	16	LC
Dubai	44	35	SNY	New York	32	22	SNY
Houston	35	26	SNY	Singapore	34	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	23	SNY	Toronto	29	15	LC
London	30	19	TDS	Washington	36	25	SNY

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EU slaps massive 2.95 billion euro fine on Google

BRUSSELS

THE EU slapped Google with a massive 2.95 billion euro ($3.47 billion) antitrust fine for favouring its own advertising services Friday, despite President Donald Trump's warnings not to target US big tech.

Google immediately vowed to appeal the decision by the European Commission, which accused the US firm of distorting competition in the 27-nation bloc.

"Google abused its dominant position in adtech harming publishers, advertisers, and consumers. This behaviour is illegal under EU antitrust rules," EU competition chief Teresa Ribera said. The fine comes despite threats by Trump to go after Europe for regulations seeking to rein in US tech giants—and follows days of hesitation on the European side over moving ahead with the sanction.

Earlier this week it emerged that the EU's trade chief had hit pause on the fine seemingly for fear of US retaliation—exposing divisions within the bloc's executive team.

The EU is still waiting for the United States to make good on a promise to lower tariffs on cars under a trade deal agreed in July. Brussels had been probing Google over adtech since 2021 and in 2023 recommended the company sell part of its ad services to ensure fair competition.

Google, a subsidiary of US tech giant Alphabet, said the commission's decision was "wrong" and it would appeal.

Putin threatens to target Western troops in Ukraine

A day after European leaders resolved to deploy peacekeeping force in the region

MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin warned on Friday that any Western forces deployed to Ukraine would be "legitimate" targets for Russia's army, as Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky said "thousands" could be sent as part of a peacekeeping force.

Two dozen countries, led by France and Britain, pledged Thursday to join a "reassurance" force on land, at sea and in the air to patrol any agreement to end the war, unleashed by Russia's February 2022 invasion.

Vladimir Putin

Tens of thousands have been killed in three-and-a-half years of fighting, which has forced millions from their homes and destroyed much of eastern and southern Ukraine in Europe's bloodiest conflict since World War II.

Kyiv says security guarantees, backed by Western troops, are crucial to any pace deal, in order to ensure Russia does not re-invade in the future.

"If some troops appear there, especially now during the fighting, we proceed from the premise that they will be legitimate targets," Putin said at an economic forum in the far eastern city of Vladivostok.

He added that the deployment of such a force was not conducive to long-term peace and said Ukraine's closer military ties with the West were one of what he calls the "root causes" of the conflict.

Ukraine's allies have not revealed any specific details of the plan, including how many troops it would involve and how specific countries would contribute. Zelensky said Friday there was an agreement for "thousands" of troops, but did not give a specific figure.

"It will definitely not be single digits, but in the thousands. And that is a fact, but it is still a little too early to talk about it," he said during a press conference with European Council President Antonio Costa in western Ukraine.

In Kyiv, foreign ministry spokesman Georgiy Tykhy slammed Putin's rejection of the deployment. "He's not the one to decide. Putin has made a mistake by deciding that he can place his troops across the border in Ukraine, and now it is none of his business whom Ukraine invites to its territory to protect its security," he said at a briefing in response to a question by AFP. *AFP*

Trump hosts top US tech executives, says Pichai, Nadella doing 'great job'

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump hosted a high-powered group of tech executives at the White House on Thursday as he showcased research on artificial intelligence and boasted of investments that companies are making around the US.

"This is taking our country to a new level," he said at the centre of a long table surrounded by what he described as 'high IQ people". It was the latest example of a delicate two-way courtship between Trump and tech leaders, several of whom attended his inauguration.

Trump has exulted in the attention from some of the world's most successful businesspeople, while the companies are eager to remain on the good side of the mercurial president. While the executives praised Trump and talked about their hopes for technological advancement, the Republican president was focused on dollar signs. He went around the table and asked executives how much they were investing in the country.

Tim Cook (centre) CEO of Apple attend a dinner in the State Dinning Room of the White House along with other tech executives | AP

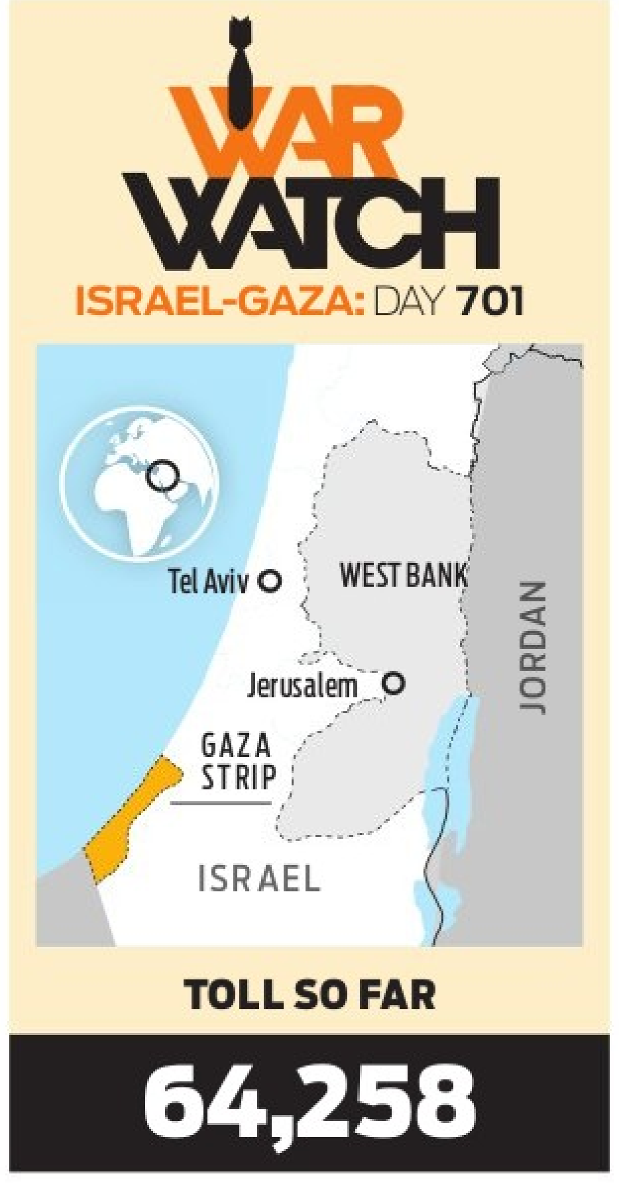
"We look forward to working together. And thanks for your leadership," Pichai said to Trump. "Great job you're doing. Incredible, really," Trump told Pichai. Turning to Nadella, Trump said the Microsoft chief "has done a pretty good job" and added that he owned the Microsoft stock that has gone from USD 28 to now over USD 500. "What a job you've done," Trump said to Nadella.

Notably absent from the guest list was Elon Musk, once a close ally of Trump who was tasked with running the Department of Government Efficiency. Musk had a public breakup with Trump earlier this year. At the table instead was one of Musk's rivals in artificial intelligence, Sam Altman of OpenAI. In another reflection of shifting loyalties in Trump's world, the dinner included Jared Isaacman, who founded the payment processing company Shift4. *PTI*

US defence department to be rebranded 'Department of War'

US President Donald Trump plans to sign an executive order on Friday to rebrand the Department of Defence as the Department of War, his latest effort to project an image of toughness for America's military. The Republican president can't formally change the name without legislation, which his administration would request from Congress. In the meantime, Trump will authorise the Pentagon to use 'secondary titles" so the department can go by its original name. The plans were disclosed by a White House official, who requested anonymity ahead of the public announcement, and detailed in a White House fact sheet. The Department of War was created in 1789, the same year that the US Constitution took effect. It was renamed by law in 1947. Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth posted 'DEPARTMENT OF WAR' on social media after the executive order was initially reported by Fox News.

Overnight Israeli strikes kill 27; skyscraper levelled in Gaza City



DEIR AL-BALAH

ISRAEL struck a high-rise building in Gaza City on Friday after an evacuation warning, as the military stepped up operations aimed at seizing control of the famine-stricken city of some 1 million Palestinians. Strikes elsewhere in Gaza City killed at least 27 people, health officials said.

The military accused Hamas militants of using other high-rises in the city for surveillance and planned ambushes, and said it would carry out 'precise, targeted strikes' on militant infrastructure in the coming days.

Israel has begun mobilising tens of thousands of reservists and is repeating evacuation warnings as part of its plan to widen its offensive,

which has sparked opposition domestically and condemnation abroad.

Gaza City resident Ahmed al-Boari said people fleeing Israeli operations elsewhere in the city had sought shelter in and around the building. Satellite imagery showed a large number of tents nearby.

It was not immediately clear if anyone was wounded or killed in the strike. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

FUEL STATIONS RUN DRY AMID IMPORT CURBS

Shell Plc and BP Plc-branded gas stations in Indonesia are currently experiencing fuel shortages due to government-imposed import restrictions, Bloomberg reports. Shell stated on its website that all three of its gasoline variants are unavailable at some stations until further notice, and it is actively working with the Energy Ministry to restore supply. Indonesia's gasoline imports dropped 22% year-on-year by late August. Although the country produces some crude oil domestically, it remains a net importer with limited refining capacity.

A JOURNEY CUT SHORT

At least 15 people died when their bus collided with a jeep and plunged down a gorge in Sri Lanka's Uva Province on Friday | AP

British PM Keir Starmer's deputy resigns amid tax row

LONDON

ANGELA Rayner on Friday resigned as UK's Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Secretary after a sped-up independent ethics inquiry concluded that she had underpaid tax on a recently bought home.

Rayner, 45, a powerful leader within the Labour Party, handed in her resignation after the inquiry concluded that she had breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct by failing to seek out specialist tax advice to ensure she paid the correct stamp duty on the property on the south coast of England.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who is now formalising a forced Cabinet reshuffle of his top team, expressed his regret at losing his senior-most minister. "You were right to refer yourself to the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Adviser and right to act on his conclusions," Starmer said, in a rare hand-written letter in response to Rayner's resignation.

"On a personal note, I am very sad to be losing you from the Government. You have been a trusted colleague and a true friend for many years. I have nothing but admiration for you and huge respect for your achievements in politics," he said, adding that she will remain a 'major figure' in the Labour Party as she moves to the backbenches.

Sir Laurie Magnus, Starmer's Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards, informed him that his deputy cannot be considered to have met the 'highest possible standards of proper conduct' and therefore was in breach of the Ministerial Code of Conduct.

Rayner, Labour's member of Parliament for Ashton-under-Lyne in northern England who also held the influential post of Secretary of State of the Ministry of Housing. *AFP*

Techie to be Catholic Church's 1st millennial saint

ROME

AT a Catholic school in Pope Leo XIV's hometown, fifth graders read comic books about Carlo Acutis' life titled 'Digital Disciple'. They draw pictures of what the teenage Italian computer whiz might have had as his cellphone wallpaper. They discuss the miracles that allegedly occurred thanks to Acutis' intercession. In the lead-up to Acutis' canonisation on Sunday, it's all Acutis, all the time at the Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish and school in Chicago. The parish was the first in the United States to take its name from Acutis, who died in 2006 at age 15 and is about to become history's first millennial saint. In recent years, Acutis has shot to near rock star-like fame among many young Catholics, generating a global following the likes of which the Catholic Church hasn't seen in ages. Much of that popularity is thanks to a concerted campaign by the Vatican to give the next generation of faithful a relatable, modern-day role model, an ordinary kid who used his technological talents to spread the faith.

He's not a towering world figure like Mother Teresa or St. John Paul II, but rather a "saint next door," said the Rev. Ed Howe, the pastor at Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish in Chicago's Northwest Side.

"He's someone who I think a lot of young people today say, I could be the saint next door,'" Howe said.

Leo, a Chicago native, will declare Acutis a saint on Sunday in his first canonisation ceremony, alongside another popular Italian, Pier Giorgio Frassati, who also died young. Both ceremonies had been scheduled for earlier this year, but were postponed following Pope Francis's death in April. *AP*

IN THE COURT OF THE IInd ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S No.1105/2018

Between,
Smt. Vasantha Kumari .G D/o Late Gopal W/o Jagadish Aged about 42 years. Residing at No. 4, 17th Cross, Mariyappana Palya, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023. **...Plaintiff**
AND
Smt. Narasamma & others. W/o Late. Gopal Aged about 70 years, Residing at No. 4/1, 17th Cross, Mariyappana Palya, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023. **...Defendants**

SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS NO. 5 UNDER ORDER5 Rule 20 A of CPC

Address of the Defendant No. 5 is
Sri. K. Chetan. S/o V. Krishnappa, Aged about 36 years, Residing at . No. 4/1, 17th Cross, Mariyappana Palya, K.P.Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023.

Whereas the plaintiff have filed the above case against you and other Defendants for the relief of legal Partition. Declaration and other relief in the above case with respect to suit schedule property. The hon'ble court posted the above case on **09/10/2025** at **11 a.m**. for your appearance personally or through you counsel, on that day. hence you are here by summoned to appear before the court on the said date personally or through your counsel, on that day other wise the hon'ble court will be deciding the matter in your absence by placing you ex-party

suit schedule A property

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.4/1, existing in 17th Cross Mariyappana Palya, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore, **BBMP** Ward No. 32, Measuring **East to West 50 feet and North to South 15 feet** of land with two floored building Measuring an extant of East by : Road, West by : Conservancy, North by : Property belongs to Vendor, South by : Property No. 16.

suit schedule B property

The Movable gold and silver jewels and articles 1. one three line chain about-60.00 gms 2. one kasina sara chain about-100.00 gms, 3. one havala chain about -80.00 gms 4. four bangles-220.00 gms, 5 Two stone bangles-80.00 gms, 6. Two Teeka chain-160.00 gms 7. onee mangalya chain-100.00 gms, 8. Twenty five Rings about-200.00 gms, Total about=**1020.00 gms**, of **gold jewel** SILVER ARTICLES 1. 13 meals silver plates about-9.00 kgs, 2. 34 silver glasses about-7.00 kgs, 3. silver tumbles about-3.00 kgs, 4. two set of silver deepa about-3.00 kgs, 5. one set of pooja idols about-2.00 kgs Total about=**24.00 kgs** of silver articles.

By Order of the Court,
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Sushmitha .S and Associates
No. 139, 1st Cross, Central Excise Layout,
Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1
4th Floor, BSNL Building
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru -560 001
O.A. No. 1533/2023

In the Matter of : State Bank of India, RACPC - Whitefield, Bengaluru **...Applicant Bank**
And
Mrs. Madhumitha R D/o. Sri Ramakrishnan **....Defendants**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RBD Act, 1993 (as amended)

To:
Mrs. Madhumitha R., Aged about 40 years D/o. Sri Ramakrishnan, R/o. No. 874, 11th 'A' Cross 1st Stage, HBR Layout, 3rd Block, Bangalore - 560 043, Mob : 9611584586 **....Defendant**

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended), against the Defendants for a sum of **Rs.88,13,905/-** mentioned in the Original Application together with current and future interest and for other relief's.

You are hereby required to show within 30 days of publication of summons/notice or on **10.10.2025 at 10.30 a.m**. in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 02.07.2025

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 ,
Bangalore- 560 001.

NOTICE

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environ ment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India) has accorded Amendment to Environmental Clearance (519 hotel rooms) for Mixed Use Development Project at Plot No.s 75, 76, 85, 86, 87 & 88 (P) & CA Plot which is Part of EPIP Industrial Area, Survey No.s 97, 98, 149, 150 & 151 of Hoodi Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru of M/s. Chalet Hotels Ltd., Plot #75, EPIP Area, Next to Sathya Sai Super Specialty Hospital, Whitefield, Bengaluru – 560 066 vide letter No. SEIAA 73 CON 2017 (EC Identification no. EC25B3812KA5466754A) dated 3rd June 2025.

The said copy of Environmental Clearance is available with the website of the MoEFCC/SEIAA, Karnataka at **http://seiaa.karnataka.gov.in/** or **http://environmentclearance.nic.in/**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri.Manjunatha Reddy.R and Smt. Chandrika.M both are R/a. # 443, 2nd floor, 28th Main, 10th Cross, Sector-1, HSR Layout, Bangalore South. We hereby declare that my client has Lost the below mentioned Original Title deeds Near 28th Main, 10th Cross, Sector-1 HSR Layout, while relocating the residences Accessories on 04th September 2025.

The Document of title Original Title deed with respect to lands in Sanathanapalli village and Post, DenkaniKottai Taluk, Krishnagiri District, This above Original Title Deeds (Mother Deed) vide Documents 1)Sale Deed Doc No.1174/1997 dated 05/06/1997, 2)Gift Deed Doc No.542/2006 dated 24/02/2006, 3)GPA Doc No.2064/2008 dated 04/07/2008, 4)Sale Deed Doc No.804/1997 dated 21/04/1997, 5)Partition Deed Doc No.210/2007 dated 10/07/2007, 6)Partition Deed Doc No.1788/1990 dated 25/12/1990, 7)Registered Will and Legal Heirs Certificate Doc No.34/BK-111/1990 dated 04/05/1990, 8) Gift Settlement Deed Doc No.1742/2005 dated 18/08/2005 and 9) Sale Deed Doc No.3014/2008 dated 09/08/2008 registered in the office of the SRO, DenkaniKottai, Further Police complaint has been lodged on 04/09/2025 in Online bearing Lost Report.No.1785360/2025 to this effect which has been duly acknowledged.

The Document of title Original Title deed with respect to Khatha No.1412/53/3/12 and E-Khatha PID No.2092398849 formed in converted Sy.No.55/3 Sy.No.55/12 admeasuring 809.370936 square meters situated at Kyalasanahalli village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, This above Original Title Deeds (Sale Deeds), the client has lost the Last two Sheets (Page No.9 and 10) of Sale Deed Doc No.4211/2008-09 dated 31/03/2009, Last two Sheets (Page No.9 and 10) of Sale Deed Doc No.174/2013-14 dated 09/04/2013 and Last two Sheets (Page No.9 and 10) of Sale Deed Doc No.14833/2006-07 dated 01/08/2006, registered in the office of the SRO, Anekal, Further Police complaint has been lodged on 05/09/2025 in Online bearing Lost Report.No.1785827/2025 to this effect which has been duly acknowledged.

The above Public Notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed within 7 days failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

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Energy policy is driven by national interest, affordability rather than external geo-political pressure, says Sitharaman

We will continue to buy Russian oil, says FM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

We will take a call on what suits us best. Whether it is Russian oil or anything else, it's our decision which suits our needs

Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister

INDIA will continue purchasing oil from Russia, as energy policy is driven by national interest and affordability rather than any external geo-political pressure, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

"We will continue to buy Russian oil. It's been made clear. We will take a call on what suits us best. Whether it is Russian oil or anything else, it's our decision which suits our needs," said Sitharaman during an interview to a private news channel.

Sitharaman's remarks come amid rising trade and geo-political tensions with the US, which accused India of supporting Russia-Ukraine war through its purchase of crude oil from Russia. The US also imposed tariffs of 50% on a range of Indian goods in response to New Delhi's procurement of discounted Russian crude. India is one of the largest buyers of Russian oil since Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. Trump has even called the Russian war on Ukraine as "Modi's war" and accused India of driving the Russian war machinery.

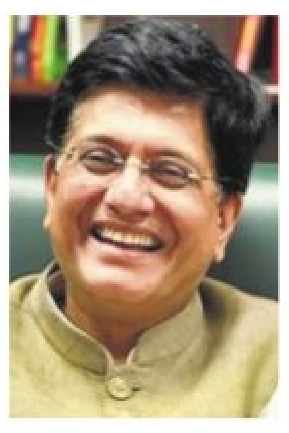
Sitharaman also noted that "with a reform like GST, many of the tariff concerns would be offset." Assuring support for industries facing a 50% tariff, Sitharaman said, "We will come out with something to handhold those who have been hit. The package includes a variety of measures, and something is definitely coming to help them."

With nearly 40% of its oil imports currently sourced from Russia, the country faces mounting pressure from the US and other western countries to cut down on Russian oil purchase. India's crude imports from Russia have soared from under 1 percent of its total supplies before the Russia-Ukraine conflict to nearly 40 percent, as refiners tapped steep discounts left by Western buyers shunning Moscow. Currently, India is the single largest buyer of Russian seaborne crude, even as Europe, after banning Russian oil, turned to refined products from Indian refineries.

US Officials argued that the tariffs on India will help Washington negotiate large-scale trade and investment deals with six major partners and the 27-nation European Union, worth about $2 trillion for the American economy.

While Trump has warned of sanctions on countries buying Russian oil, he has not directly imposed tariffs on other major buyers of Russian oil like China, nor has he imposed Russia with any additional tariff. After imposition of tariff, the visit of US delegates to India for talks around Bilateral trade agreement talks was also cancelled.

India tapping new markets for tariff-hit sectors: Goyal



In FTA talks with many nations

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PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

INDIA is in talks with countries like Singapore, African nations, UAE and European Union to help exporters diversify their markets. Particularly for sea-food and shrimps, India is in talks with the UAE, and for garments and textiles, the discussions are going on with African nations, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has said.

"We are working with 50 other countries, who can take products that we would like to sell," said Goyal. With the US tariff of 50% being imposed on several Indian exports, textile, apparels, marine food and shrimp industries are some of the worst-affected sectors as the US accounted for a large chunk of India's exports. "UAE helped us connect with seafood importers to address the problem of shrimp," said Goyal adding that Indian apparel exporters will be able to tap African markets better. He said Singapore would soon be buying products like eggs and chicken from India.

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Vedanta Group top bidder for JP with ₹12,500 crore offer

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

VEDANTA Group has emerged as the successful bidder for the debt-ridden Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL), beating out a competitive field that included the Adani Group. Vedanta offered ₹12,510 crore in a challenge auction on September 5, 2025 for acquiring the assets of JAL, a person close to the development confirmed TNIE.

The acquisition was the result of a "challenge process" initiated by JAL's Committee of Creditors (CoC) to maximize recovery for creditors who have claimed dues of ₹57,185 crore. The auction, a key part of JAL's Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP), saw a fierce bidding war with a floor value of ₹12,000 crore. Bidders were required to raise their offers by ₹250 crore per round. Vedanta's offer of ₹12,510 crore NPV was the highest, surpassing bids from other major players including Adani Group, Dalmia Bharat, Jindal Steel & Power (JSPL), and PNC Infratech.

The insolvency proceedings against Jaiprakash Associates, a flagship company of Jaypee Group, began on June 3, 2024, when the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in Allahabad admitted a petition filed by ICICI Bank. The move came after years of the company defaulting on its loan repayments. Its financial distress was a reflection of broader crisis within the Jaypee Group, which had accumulated debt from ambitious, capital-intensive projects in sectors like real estate, infrastructure, and cement.

Dassault to take majority control of Rel Aerospace

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

FRENCH aerospace and defence major Dassault Aviation will increase its shareholding in Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL) from 49% to 51%, making the India-headquartered joint venture a majority-owned subsidiary of the Paris-headquartered company.

Upon completion of the transaction, DRAL will cease to be a 51% subsidiary of Reliance Infrastructure and become an associate company with 49% shareholding. Reliance Infrastructure said in an exchange filing that it will receive 175.96 crore from stake sale based on an independent valuation. The expected date of completion of the sale/disposal is November 01, 2025.

With increase in stake, Dassault Aviation will ensure guarantees, warranties and service commitments for Falcon aircraft customers in India and worldwide. Dassault Aviation, which has a market capitalisation of over ₹2 lakh crore and cash reserves topping ₹80,000 crore, has been expanding its footprint in India since securing Rafale fighter jet deal with the government in 2016.

The French manufacturer recently designated DRAL as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Falcon business jet programme. In line with that decision, the company announced it will set up its first final assembly line (FAL) for Falcon aircraft outside France at the MIHAN special economic zone in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

The Falcon series, which competes with the likes of Bombardier and Gulfstream in premium executive jet category, is among the company's most successful platforms.

BoB classifies Anil Ambani, RCom as fraud

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PUBLIC sector lender Bank of Baroda has classified loan accounts of Reliance Communications (RCom) and its erstwhile promoter and director Anil Ambani, as 'fraud'. The company, currently undergoing a Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP), made disclosure in a letter to the BSE and NSE.

The classification follows a show-cause notice (SCN) issued by BoB, citing findings from a forensic audit report prepared by BDO India LLP. According to the report, the audit identified a "diversion and misappropriation of funds, along with manipulation of books of account".

The documents show a protracted timeline of communication between the bank and RCom's representatives. Ambani's representatives had requested a copy of the forensic audit report (FAR) and sought several extensions to respond to the SCN. While the bank provided a personal hearing, it found the arguments in reply to be "not sustainable" against allegations. Ambani's spokesperson said Anil served only as a non-executive director on the board of RCom from inception in 2006 until his resignation from the Board in 2019, over six years ago (for almost 14 years).

Retail push: Apple's India sales hit record $9 bn

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IPHONEMAKER Apple's India sales reached a record high of nearly $9 billion in the last fiscal, showing strong demand for its products as the company grows its retail presence in the country.

According to a report, revenue rose by about 13% in the 12 months through March, up from $8 billion the year before, according to a person familiar with the matter who asked not to be named because the details are private. Most of the sales came from iPhones, while MacBook sales also saw strong growth. As part of its retail expansion, Apple opened two new stores this week in Bengaluru and Pune. It also plans to open a store in Noida, near Delhi, and another in Mumbai early next year.

In 2023, Apple made India a separate sales region within its international business, showing how important the market has become. The country's growing middle class and rising incomes offer big opportunities for the company.

iPhones are seen as a status symbol by many in India and currently make up about 7% of the local smartphone market, according to Tarun Pathak of Counterpoint Research.

India is also becoming a key part of Apple's manufacturing. One in every five iPhones is now made in India, and CEO Tim Cook plans to use the country as a major source for devices sold in the U.S.

Apple is expanding production in India at five factories, including two that recently opened, as it looks to reduce its dependence on China.

Banks expect loan demand surge due to GST rate cut, boost in consumption

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

Festive season, lower inflation to boost demand

Banks remain hopeful that the festive season, coupled with lower inflation, softer interest rates, higher disposable income from tax reliefs in the budget, and GST cuts will boost demand and lift retail credit. They believe demand boom will lead to increased production.

WITH credit growth remaining anemic so far this fiscal printing in at 9.5%, down from 15% in the year-ago period, banks are now hoping to riding on the likely consumption boom being spawned by the GST cuts announced this Wednesday.

It is not only corporate credit has been slowed down, at 5.5%, down from 7.7% a year-ago, the consumption loans have also tapered off and printed in at only 14.5% year-on-year to ₹105.6 lakh crore in Q1FY26. This is led primarily by gold loans, which surged 34.6%, followed by two-wheeler and auto loans, while home loans have slowed to under 10% and its agri and small business loans that are holding up.

The latest RBI data for the fortnight ending August 8 show credit grew 10.2% while deposit grew 10.1%. In the same period last year, credit was grew 13.6% and deposit at 10.87%.

However, following the subdued Q1, banks have started rolling out attractive loan offers to boost credit growth in the second half beginning with the festive season, which they expect to get further accentuated by the second-order effects of the good services tax cuts.

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Their optimism is based on the believe that if there is a demand boom, this will lead to increased production which in turn can lead to demand for working capital loans from corporate side while the same can lead to increased demand for consumption loans, a public sector banker told TNIE.

In a note, Soumyakanti Ghosh, the chief economic advisor to State Bank of India, said the GST reform is growth-accretive, boosting consumption, thus demand for loans.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

REAL WAGES, CONSUMER SPENDING CLIMB

Japanese real wages turned positive for the first time in seven months in July on the back of summertime bonuses, while consumer spending rose for the third straight month, data showed on Friday. Though the July headline figures were upbeat, government officials and analysts said elevated inflation put pressure on consumption, complicating the Bank of Japan's (BOJ) decision on how soon to resume interest rate hikes. Inflation-adjusted real wages, a key determinant of households' purchasing power, edged up 0.5% in July from a year earlier, the first hike since December last year when they rose by 0.3%. Special payments, including bonuses rose 7.9%, labour ministry data showed. The consumer inflation rate the ministry uses to calculate real wages, which includes fresh food prices but not rent costs, rose 3.6% year-on-year in July.

INDONESIA

CENTRAL BANK TO RAISE INTEREST ON GOVT DEPOSITS

Indonesia's central bank said it had agreed on a "burden sharing" arrangement with the government where it will raise the interest rates it pays on government deposits as a way to help the government fund its programmes. In a statement on Thursday, Bank Indonesia spokesperson Ramdan Denny Prakoso said the arrangement was intended to help the government cover the cost of raising funds through the bond market for programmes such as affordable housing and setting up cooperatives in villages. The statement came after Governor Perry Warjiyo told a parliamentary hearing earlier this week that BI and the government would share the interest distribution on government programmes. "To reduce the interest expenses on economic programmes ... BI has agreed to share the burden with the government," Ramdan Denny said.

CHINA

NEW HOME PRICES LIKELY TO DECLINE

China's new-home prices were likely to decline more slowly in 2025 than earlier forecast, and slip a further 0.5% in 2026, a survey by Reuters showed, as policy support tempers the downturn but shows few signs of ending the protracted property crisis. The August poll projected a 3.8% fall in 2025, an improvement from 4.8% decline forecast in May. Prices were set to return to 2% growth in 2027. The survey, conducted from Aug 26 - Sept 3, gathered responses from 11 economists. Forecasts for 2025 remained widely dispersed, from a 15% drop to a 1.5% decline, reflecting uncertainty on the timing and strength of any demand recovery. Property activity was likely to remain weak for remainder of this year. Respondents projected a 7.5% fall in property sales in 2025, a sharper contraction than the 5.0% decline predicted in May. Real estate investment was forecast to shrink 11.0%, worse than the 8.4% decrease expected in the previous poll.

SpiceJet reports ₹238 crore loss in Q1, airline's net worth turns positive

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BUDGET carrier SpiceJet on Friday announced its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 (Q1 FY26), reporting a net loss of ₹238 crore as against a net profit of ₹150 crore in Q1FY25. The airline said its results were impacted by geo-political situation with a neighbouring country and airspace restrictions in key markets, which led to subdued leisure travel demand.

The delay in returning grounded aircraft to service, owing to global supply chain disruptions and engine overhaul challenges, further compounded the situation. On EBITDA basis, the airline reported ₹(18) crore loss in Q1FY26 as against ₹402 crore in Q1FY25. Passenger revenue per available seat kilometre (PAX RASK) stood at ₹4.74 and passenger load factor (PLF) remained strong at 86%. SpiceJet claimed that its net worth improved to ₹446 croreas against a negative ₹2,398 crore in Q1FY25, reflecting successful financial restructuring initiatives.

Ajay Singh, chairman and MD, SpiceJet, said this quarter's results reflect the extraordinary challenges faced by the aviation industry, including geopolitical turbulence, restricted air routes, and supply chain disruptions. "We are taking steps to enhance fleet reliability, reduce costs, and expand our network. With India's aviation and tourism sectors among the fastest-growing globally, we remain confident of a strong recovery trajectory in the coming quarters," added Singh.

OYO's 1st quarter profit doubles to ₹200 crore

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IPO-bound OYO posted a profit after tax (PAT) of over ₹200 crore in the first quarter of FY26, more than doubling from ₹87 crore in the same period last year (Q1FY25).

The hospitality firm attributed the improvement in its bottom line to revenue growth from premium brands such as Townhouse and Sunday, alongside tighter cost controls and a sharper focus on customer experience. In a notification sent to its shareholders, Oyo stated that its revenue grew to Rs 2,019 crore, up 47% from the corresponding quarter last year. The Gross Booking Value (GBV) reached Rs 7,227 crore in Q1 FY26, marking a significant 144% increase year-on-year. It has sought approval to issue bonus shares in a 1:1 ratio, which will double its authorised share capital to ₹24,31,13,59,300.

Forex reserves jump by $3.51 bn to $694.2 bn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

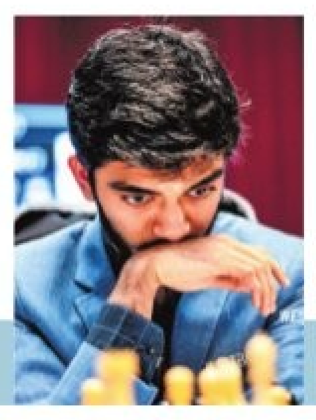
IN the week that saw rupee touching a record low of 88.36 (last Friday) amid tariff jitters, foreign exchange reserves rose by $3.51 billion to $694.2 billion in the same week ending August 29, as per the weekly RBI data released on Friday.

In the previous reporting week ending August 22, the reserves had fallen by $4.38 billion to $690.72 billion. This latest rise was driven by an rise in foreign currency assets, gold reserves (as the bullion was on a record run) and the special drawing rights.

Despite steep GST cuts, both currency and the stock markets are still not reflecting optimism that the rest of the economy. While the Dalal Street is not getting a sustained momentum, with wild fluctuations through trade session, rupee has not regained the strength from the macro developments.

Accordingly, even on Friday, rupee lost 11 paise against greenback to close trade at 88.32, its second worst. The currency market was abuzz with regular RBI intervention during the reporting week as it plumbed new lows through the week. The RBI, which does not have an official level for the rupee, intervenes regularly in the forex market to manage rupee volatility.

FIDE Grand Swiss: Gukesh held by 14-year-old Erdogmus



World champion **D Gukesh** was held to a draw by 14-year-old Yagiz Kaan Erdogmus of Turkey, while defending champion R Vaishali beat Eline Roebers of Holland in the second round of the FIDE Grand Swiss in Samarkand (Uzbekistan) on Friday. Top seed R Praggnanandhaa scored his first victory in the event.

Keeper-batter's place in XI in question with Gill coming into the mix

THE SAMSON CONUNDRUM

GOMESH S @Chennai

SANJU Samson will not forget the morning of June 29, 2024. After being on the bench throughout the tournament, the keeper-batter was told that he will play the T20 World Cup final against South Africa at Kensington Oval only for the decision to be reversed minutes before toss. Rohit Sharma, the then captain, took him aside and had a 10-minute chat to explain why India were going in with the same team. Despite the regret of not being able to play, Samson took it in his stride as a team player. He has had to wait for his time for years, and knew it will eventually come.

In the next 24 hours, India went onto win the World Cup that day, Rohit and Virat Kohli retired and a few days later Samson was in Zimbabwe keeping wickets for India in T20Is. Shubman Gill opened the batting and Samson was batting in the middle-order. However, when he was asked to open with Abhishek Sharma against Bangladesh, it seemed like Samson was beginning a new chapter, one where he was going to get a longer rope than he has in the last decade. In the 12 matches India have played since, Samson opened the batting, smashed 417 runs at 37.9 average and 183.7 strike rate, including three centuries (two of which came in South Africa).

While there were some low scores in the T20Is against England at home, it seemed like Samson's career was finally on track, especially in the lead up to the T20 World Cup next year. With Abhishek, he formed an explosive duo at the top, one that set up the dynamic batting lineup for India in the format. It was all going well, until now. With the selectors bringing back Gill into the team, and that too as the vice-captain, Samson is once again at the crossroads. The selectors and the BCCI are looking to groom Gill as the all-format captain. Given the fact that he is expected to open with Abhishek, Samson's place in the playing XI becomes a question. If he bats in the top four, it means India will have Gill, Suryakumar Yadav and Samson in the mix which is not how this team management operates. Head coach Gautam Gambhir's preference for left-right combination is well-established. That they have picked Jitesh Sharma only adds to the quandary.

What does it mean for Samson? Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar feels he might come down as a finisher or so can Tilak. "Somebody like a Sanju who can maybe even bat at three and if needed, come down at six as a finisher. Jitesh has also done well in the recently concluded IPL. My feeling is that maybe Samson will probably get the nod ahead of Jitesh for at least the first couple of games. And then depending on what his form is for the rest of the tournament.," Gavaskar explained in an interaction facilitated by Sony Sports Network.

If that happens, it would mean that either Rinku Singh and Shivam Dube will have to wait for their turn in the playing XI. "That is why I think maybe they might even be thinking in terms of having him at No 3 and having Tilak as a finisher at No 5/6. This is what I think is likely to happen because Hardik is in your team as well. If they decide to go in with an extra bowler, then you are looking at having somebody like an Axar Patel also at No 7. It looks like somebody like Rinku and Shivam Dube might have to wait a bit before they get an opportunity," said Gavaskar.

The picture will be clear in the days leading up to India's first match against United Arab Emirates on September 10. As things stand, even if Samson starts, it seems like he will live and die based on his performance on the day rather than getting a specified role with a longer rope.

INDIA'S TOP BATTERS

Name	M	R	AVG	SR	100	50
Abhishek	16	535	33.43	193.84	2	2
Samson	16	487	34.78	171.47	3	1
Tilak	9	413	82.6	170.66	2	1
Pandya	14	320	35.55	145.45	0	1
SKY	15	258	18.42	161.25	0	2
Gill	7	243	40.50	129.25	0	2

*Post 2024 T20 WC

'States taking interest in hockey good'

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Rajgir

THE upcoming hockey stadium in Madurai will be ready in October, according to Hockey India treasurer, Sekar Manoharan. "The works are progressing as per plans, they have said they will give the Stadium next month," Manoharan, currently in Rajgir for the Asia Cup, told this daily. Madurai is scheduled to host multiple matches of the upcoming junior World Cup.

While the fixture list will be announced by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) early next week, it's likely that Madurai will host at least one India game. Manoharan also spoke about taking hockey to multiple centres and the plans for the next edition of the Pro League. Excerpts:

Q&A

● On the ever-expanding footprint of international hockey destinations within India

It's very good for hockey that it's spreading everywhere. It's a thing to be happy that infrastructure is developing in multiple states. Telangana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh now want to host international events. There's a lot more awareness (about the process involved). It's always a good thing when state governments want to take hockey to the masses.

● On if Odisha will continue to be seen as the big hockey hub

It's not like there won't be events there. They are very important to us. They have invested in us. Hockey India League will be there next season. The Pro League will be played there. So Odisha will always remain as an important hockey destination. Right now, we are discussing what events we can bring to India in the next calendar year.

● On the preparations for the upcoming junior World Cup in Chennai and Madurai

The works are going as per schedule, we will get the Stadium in October. Turf work is going on now. To test out the new Stadium, there will be some district and state level matches. As far as Chennai is concerned, some small running repairs will be undertaken in the next 10 days or so; stuff like drainage. India may play one match in Madurai. The fixtures will be announced next week when the FIH president (Tayyeb Ikram) will be in Chennai. Pakistan have told us they will come and their match against India will be in Chennai only (for what it's worth, Pakistan have maintained they won't travel)..

● On the upcoming HIL season and status of some foreign players who have expressed an unwillingness to come

The season will begin in Chennai where there will be games for 12 days. After that, the caravan will go to Ranchi (approx. 15 days) before finishing with Bhubaneswar (approx. 20 days). A lot of players have said they are coming. There's also a new team joining; there will be a new men's team to be based out of Ranchi.

Jagadeesan misses out on double ton

AGENCIES @Bengaluru

N Jagadeesan scored 197 off 352 balls before getting run out | PTI

N JAGADEESAN missed out on a well deserved double hundred by three runs as South Zone reached an imposing first innings score of 536 despite a dull second day in their Duleep Trophy semifinal against North Zone here on Friday. Starting the day on 297 for three, South Zone nearly batted the entire second day (88.2 overs) and managed only 239 runs while losing the remaining wickets.

Jagadeesan (197, 352 balls) hit 16 boundaries and three sixes before getting run-out. The rest of the South batters never looked like trying to up the ante but did well enough to put up a commendable total. North batters now have two full days to chase down a target of 537 and book their berth in the final.

Central Zone reply strongly

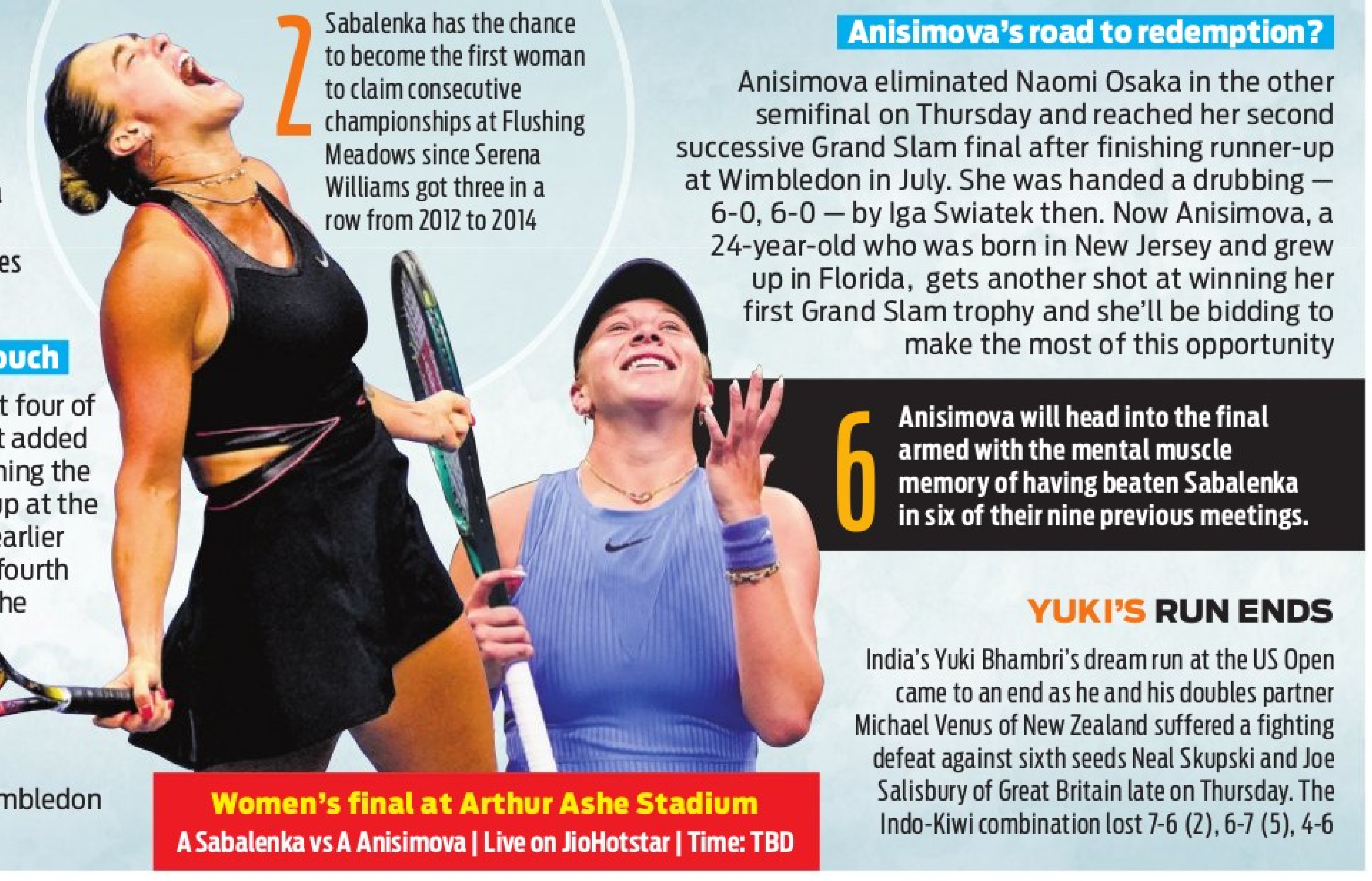
Central Zone top-order batters, led by Danish Malewar, carried the team to 229 for two, giving a solid reply to West Zone on Day 2 of their semifinal.

Shubham Sharma (60) and skipper Rajat Patidar (47) were batting at stumps after Central bagged four quick wickets to end West's first innings at 438. Central need a further 209 runs to take an innings lead.

Malewar, who made a double hundred in the quarterfinal, took his time to settle down before making 76, as his opening partner Ayush Pandey (40 off 59 balls) went off the blocks briskly. The left-hander made 32 runs in boundaries, but his cavalier stay ended when Pandey's drive on the up off pacer Arzan Nagwaswalla ended with Aarya Desai in the covers. But Malewar and Shubham stitched together a 93-run alliance for the second wicket to ensure that they did not waste a firm beginning. **Brief scores:** South Zone 536 in 169.2 ovs (N Jagadeesan 197, T Thyagarajan 58; N Sindhu 5/125) vs North Zone. West Zone 438 in 108 ovs (R Gaikwad 184, T Kotian 76, S Thakur 64; S Jain 3/121, H Dubey 3/118) vs Central Zone 229/2 in 67 ovs (D Malewar 76, S Sharma 60 batting, R Patidar 47 batting).

Women's final: The last hurrah

Reigning champion and World No 1 Aryna Sabalenka will play USA's Amanda Anisimova in the US Open women's singles final on Saturday. A look...



World No 1 seeking finishing touch

Sabalenka has now made the final at four of the last five Grand Slams but has not added to her haul of three Majors since winning the 2024 US Open. She finished runner-up at the Australian Open and Roland Garros earlier this year. The 27-year-old, who beat fourth seed Jessica Pegula 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinals on Thursday, will be hoping to buck the trend this time. This will also be a chance for her to avenge her Wimbledon semifinal loss to Anisimova

2 Sabalenka has the chance to become the first woman to claim consecutive championships at Flushing Meadows since Serena Williams got three in a row from 2012 to 2014

Anisimova's road to redemption?

Anisimova eliminated Naomi Osaka in the other semifinal on Thursday and reached her second successive Grand Slam final after finishing runner-up at Wimbledon in July. She was handed a drubbing — 6-0, 6-0 — by Iga Swiatek then. Now Anisimova, a 24-year-old who was born in New Jersey and grew up in Florida, gets another shot at winning her first Grand Slam trophy and she'll be bidding to make the most of this opportunity

6 **Anisimova will head into the final armed with the mental muscle memory of having beaten Sabalenka in six of their nine previous meetings.**

YUKI'S RUN ENDS

India's Yuki Bhambri's dream run at the US Open came to an end as he and his doubles partner Michael Venus of New Zealand suffered a fighting defeat against sixth seeds Neal Skupski and Joe Salisbury of Great Britain late on Thursday. The Indo-Kiwi combination lost 7-6 (2), 6-7 (5), 4-6

Women's final at Arthur Ashe Stadium

A Sabalenka vs A Anisimova | Live on JioHotstar | Time: TBD

Boxing Worlds: Neeraj, Sumit advance with contrasting wins

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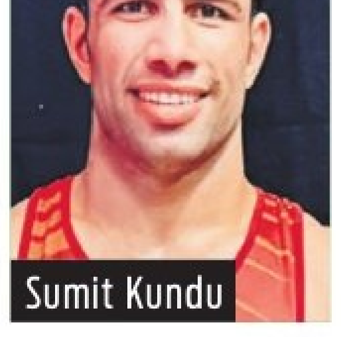

Sumit Kundu

NEERAJ Phogat and Sumit Kundu delivered contrasting victories in their respective Round of 32 contests in the ongoing World Boxing Championships at the M&S Bank Arena, in Liverpool on Friday.

First to enter the ring on the day, Neeraj was involved in a gruelling battle against Krista Kovalainen of Finland during their women's 65kg battle. But it was Neeraj who edged the opening round but her rival made a strong comeback. Neeraj stood firm to clinch the third, winning the bout by 3-2 verdict. Up against Mohammad Alhussien of Jordan in the men's 75kg category, Sumit recorded an easy 5-0 win. Up next for Sumit is Rami Kiwan of Bulgaria. Later, Jaismine Lamboria (57kg) also recorded an easy win to advance. She beat Ukraine's Daria-Olha Hutarina 5-0.

On Thursday (wee hours on Friday IST), Harsh Choudhary became the first from India to bow out. The referee was forced to stop the contest due to Adam Tutak's, his Polish opponent on the night, dominance.

Who have qualified for the 2026 World Cup?

The 2026 World Cup will have a record 48 teams in the tournament to be co-hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada. Uruguay had a 3-0 win over Peru, Colombia defeated Bolivia 3-0 and Paraguay held Ecuador to a 0-0 draw to secure their places on Thursday from South American qualifying.

43 The number of teams to get their spots through continental qualifying tournaments. Another two will secure their places in the intercontinental playoffs featuring six teams and scheduled for March 2026. The three host countries automatically qualify.

THE BREAKDOWN

8 Asia will have eight direct places and one in the intercontinental playoff

9 Africa have nine direct spots plus one for the intercontinental playoff

3 North and Central America and the Caribbean get three direct berths (plus the three host nations) and another two spots in the intercontinental playoffs.

6 South America has six direct spots and will send another team to the intercontinental playoffs

1 Oceania for the first time has a guaranteed spot. New Zealand clinched that in March. It could add another with New Caledonia going into the intercontinental playoffs

16 Europe will have 16 teams to play in the next World Cup.

ALREADY QUALIFIED

North & Central America

- United States, Mexico, Canada (qualified automatically as hosts)

Asia

- Japan (qualified on March 20)
- Iran (qualified on March 25)
- Jordan (qualified on June 5)
- South Korea (qualified on June 5)
- Uzbekistan (qualified on June 5)
- Australia (qualified on June 10)

Oceania

New Zealand (qualified on March 24)

South America

- Argentina (qualified on March 25)
- Brazil (qualified on June 10)
- Ecuador (qualified on June 10)
- Uruguay (qualified on September 4)
- Colombia (qualified on September 4)
- Paraguay (qualified on September 4)

EXPRESS READ

Football ace Jhingan undergoes surgery

NEW DELHI: India defender Sandesh Jhingan has successfully undergone surgery for a cheekbone fracture which he sustained while playing in the CAFA Nations Cup in Tajikistan, his ISL side FC Goa said. He suffered the injury against Iran on September 1.

India vs Qatar in U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers

DOHA: The Indian men's U23 football team will face hosts Qatar in a crucial Group H match of the AFC U23 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers on Saturday. India began their campaign with a 2-0 win over Bahrain.

Archery Worlds: Eye on Deepika and Gatha

GWANGJU: Deepika Kumari will yet again chase an elusive World Championship medal as India are set to showcase their next generation, led by 15-year-old Gatha Khadake, at the prestigious tournament beginning here Saturday.

'SA20's goal to attract best has been achieved'

CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

SA20, South Africa's franchise based T20 league, has seen tremendous growth in the past three seasons. As it heads into the fourth season, the league commissioner Graeme Smith is expecting better quality of cricket, more new names to come to the fore, and act as a springboard to budding players.

This edition will start early on December 26, keeping in mind the T20 World Cup in India set to begin from February 2026. It will be played for a month, with the final on January 25. The window in which the league is played clashes with the much-anticipated Ashes Test series and the Big Bash League, both set to happen in Australia. Key names like Joe Root, who was one of the top scorers before last season's play-offs, will not be part of this edition.

"That is something (a headache) that the IPL does not have. Every other country deals with ICC's Future Tours Programme. When we started SA20 in 2022, the Big Bash was already an established tournament and our goal was to attract the best players and we have done that," he said in an interaction facilitated by SA20 ahead of the first auction on September 9.

The list of retained players include stars like Sunil Narine, Noor Ahmed, Jos Buttler, Rashid Khan, Trent Boult and Andre Russell. "Buttler's making his comeback this year, Russell will be playing for the Pretoria Capitals and so many international players put their name in the auction. So I have no doubt that with the ever-improving quality of South African players, the standard of our league will still be good," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Sehrawat welcomes new rules

CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

Pawan Sehrawat (R) in action during a Pro Kabaddi League match | PKL

A WEEK into the new-look Pro Kabaddi League, Pawan Sehrawat, one of the renowned names in the sport, gave his seal of approval over the new rules introduced. He finds the tiebreaker rule 'interesting' and felt that it would improve the quality of matches.

The 12th iteration of Pro Kabaddi League, which began on August 29, comes with a set of new rules. Firstly, tiebreakers are now played in the league stages, which is usually seen in the knockout rounds of previous editions. Secondly, a new play-in stage is introduced — where teams finishing 5th to 8th will play each other for a spot in the play-offs to be played against the top four teams. "The tiebreaker rule makes the game more interesting. For a player on the mat, it gives them a chance to upgrade their skill and play on the opposition's baulk line. Teams with five or more raiders in the starting seven have performed well so far. Even in teams which do not have that many raiders, they manage to go to the tiebreaker and win," he told in a media interaction organised by *JioHotstar*.

In previous editions, winning team are awarded five points, three for each team after a tied fixture and one point for a team losing by seven points or fewer. Now, winning teams are awarded two points and the losing side none. This means that teams will go into the mat with a lot at stake. "Earlier, teams used to play for the draw. But now, one will play in a do-or-die situation, where players will have to put effort to win. Players will think to win until the last minute."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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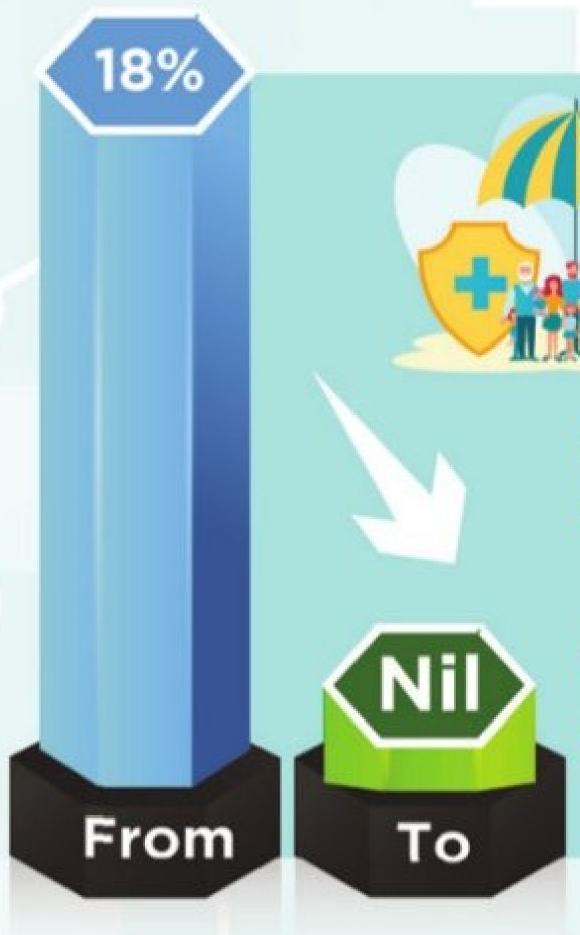

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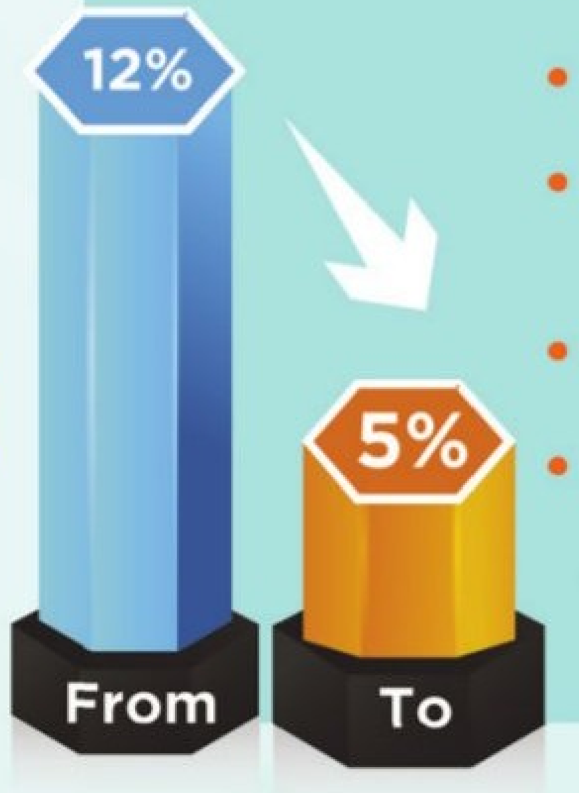

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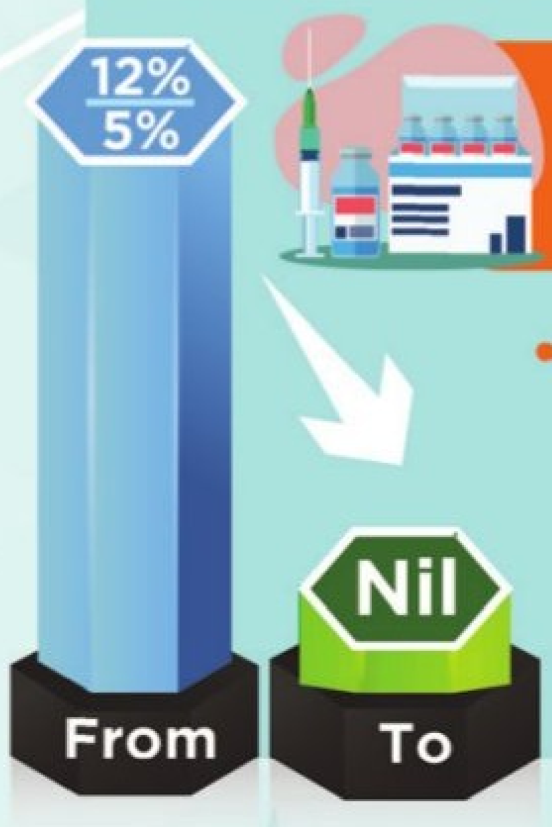

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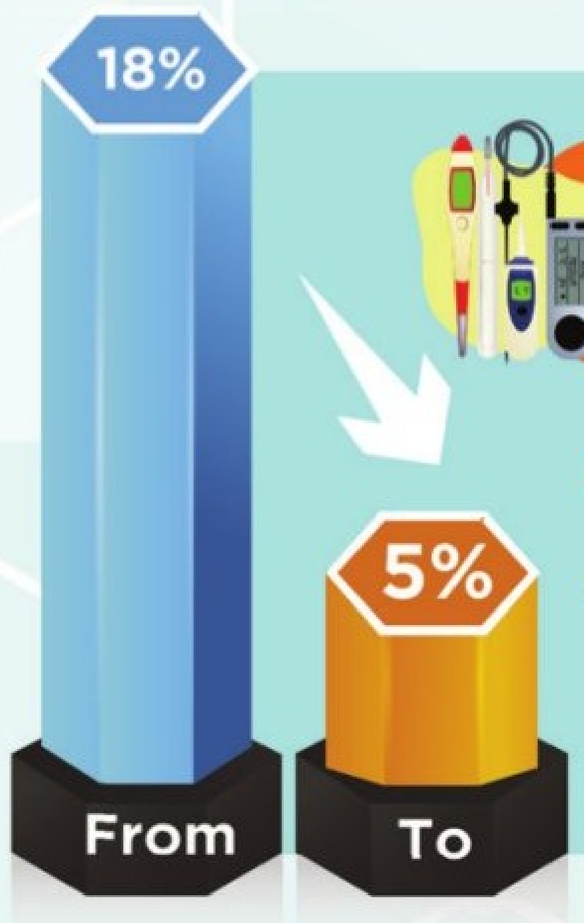

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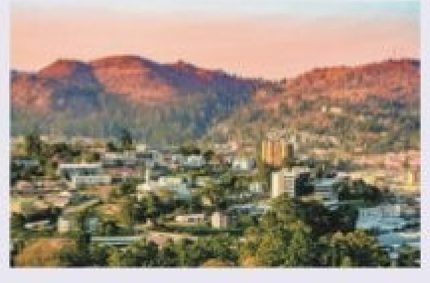
Eswatini freed

On this day, in 1968, the Kingdom of Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland) gained independence within the Commonwealth

BRITISH DOMINIAN

At the commencement of the Anglo Boer war, Britain placed Swaziland in Southern Africa bordered by South Africa and Mozambique under its direct jurisdiction as a Protectorate



POST-INDEPENDENCE

In 1973, the constitution of Swaziland was suspended by King Sobhuza II. He ruled and became the longest-reigning monarch in history

LAST MONARCHY

Sobhuza II died in 1982. His son, King Mswati was crowned in 1986. He rules by decree in a country widely seen as Africa's last absolute monarchy

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ALL THINGS THREADITIONAL!

Celebrities and influencers Afrinya Ashraf, Vishnupriya, Reba John and Malavika Pattenset (clockwise) rejoice as they celebrate Onam with their friends and family, welcoming the spirit of Mahabali with zeal and enthusiasm

Cancer survivor Arjun Sen, whose book *Raising A Father*, inspired the Shoojit Sircar-directorial *I Want To Talk*, speaks on navigating life's hurdles and aiding those in need with his unique movement

DAD WITH A PLAN BOOK

ANJALI RAM

THEY say, 'When life gives you lemons, make lemonade'. For author Arjun Sen, this wasn't just a proverbial phrase but a way of life. Diagnosed with terminal cancer at 32, and with doctors telling him that he had only 100 days to survive, the high-flying corporate executive didn't just fight for survival; he found a purpose, especially for the most important person in his life: his daughter, Raka Sen.

"Initially, I was freaking out. Later, a question popped up: How do I find a doctor and a hospital that can give me a better chance? When you seek help, all of a sudden, life changes and you realise you are not alone," he shares, during his conversation with *CE* in Bengaluru.

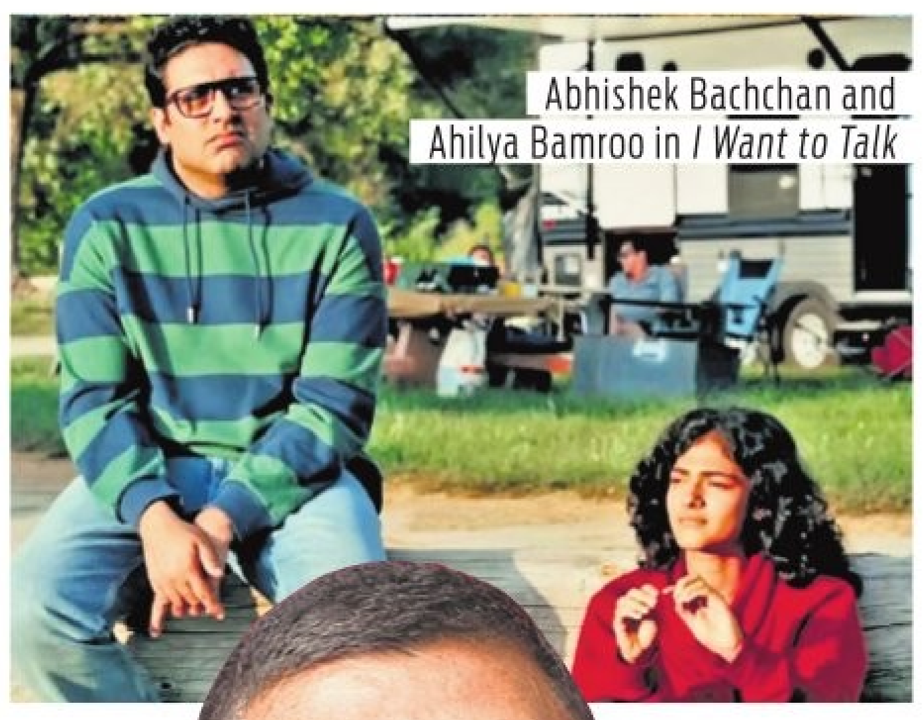
This personal journey of his survival led him to write a memoir, *Raising a Father* in 2009, originally written for his daughter as a Christmas gift. Topics around fatherhood, healing, and resilience re-entered conversations after filmmaker Shoojit Sircar decided to turn the memoir into a film. Released in 2024, *I Want To Talk* saw actor Abhishek Bachchan portraying Sen's character. The heart of both the book and the film lies in a simple yet deep question his daughter once raised: "If you die, who will dance at my wedding?" That moment, he says, broke through the noise of his career-driven life to see what really mattered. "It became my goal as a dad to put the best effort to be there for her."

Raising a Father underwent a transformation when his daughter read it. "She began correcting the 'facts', he laughs, adding, "That's when I realised that her perception is real and I needed to take responsibility for the parts I couldn't see then. That changed everything."

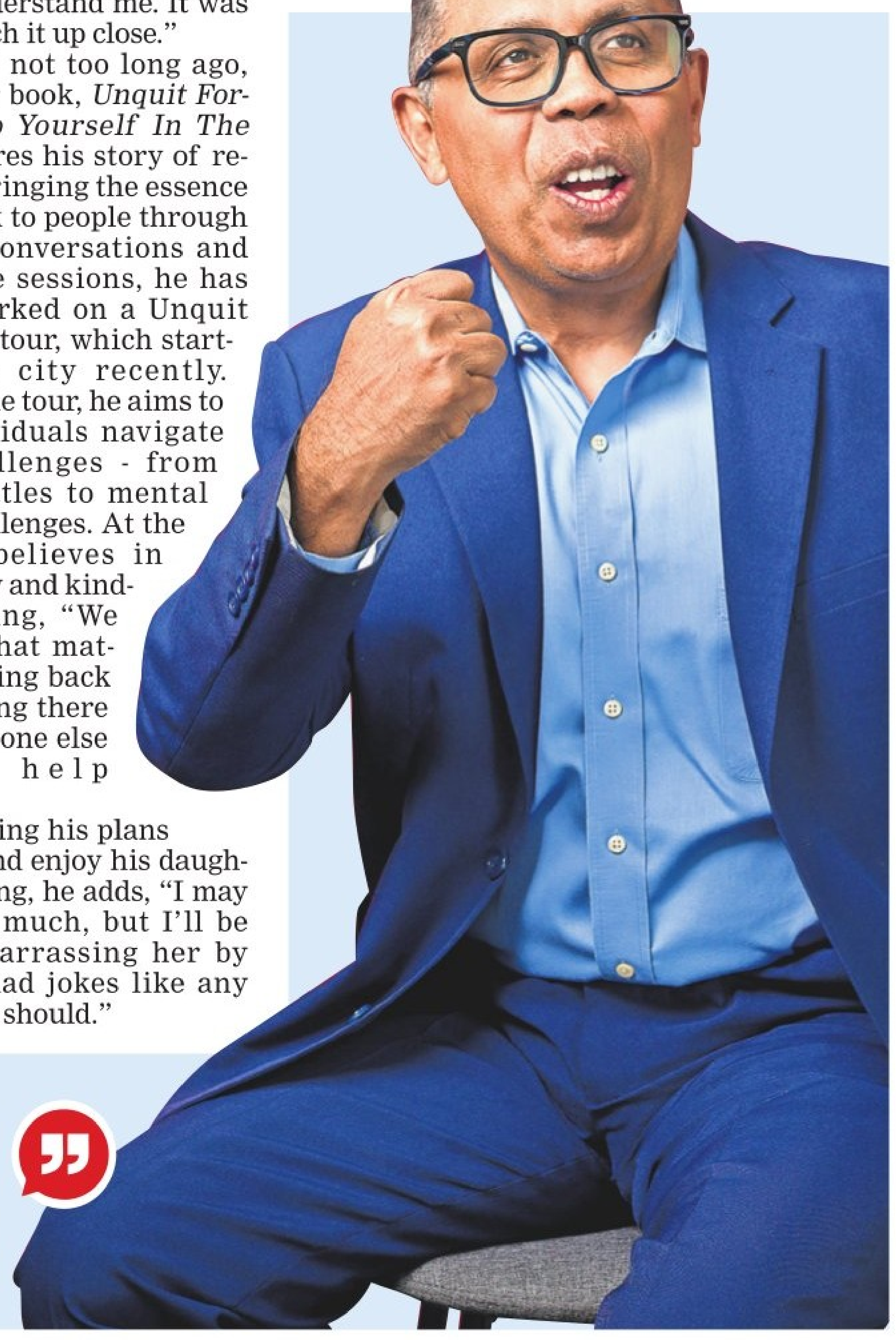
Watching *I Want To Talk* was a surreal experience for Sen, though he clearly understood the difference between reel and real. "The audience knows 'I' make it in the movie, but in real life, things were different. There were no retakes; one wrong decision by a doctor could have been the end," he says. Sen praises Bachchan's portrayal, noting it to be a deeply empathetic one. "He didn't just play the role, he took the time to understand me. It was cool to watch it up close."

Released not too long ago, Sen's other book, *Unquit Forever: Keep Yourself In The Game*, shares his story of resilience. Bringing the essence of the book to people through intimate conversations and interactive sessions, he has now embarked on a Unquit Movement tour, which started in the city recently. Through the tour, he aims to help individuals navigate life's challenges - from health battles to mental health challenges. At the core, he believes in community and kindness, stating, "We all fall. What matters is getting back up and being there when someone else needs help standing."

Reaffirming his plans to attend and enjoy his daughter's wedding, he adds, "I may not dance much, but I'll be there embarrassing her by cracking dad jokes like any good father should."



Abhishek Bachchan and Ahilya Bamroo in *I Want to Talk*



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YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO GETAWAYS AROUND THE CITY

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Tri-Services Delegation Inspires Pupils at Vagdevi Vilas School

Officers from the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force visited Vagdevi Vilas School this week as part of the ongoing Tri-Services Lord Buddha Circuit Motorcycle Expedition across South Asia. The visit formed part of a broader initiative to promote the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) principles of unity, cultural connectivity, and regional peace.

The visiting delegation included Brigadier Deepak Gaur, Lieutenant Colonel Nilesh Tiwari, Lieutenant Colonel Vishal Chopra, Lieutenant Commander Avinash Prasad, Wing Commander V. P. Bhatt, Commander Sanjeet Dhak, and Squadron Leader Navneet Sharma.

Students welcomed the officers with cultural performances, setting a tone of enthusiasm and patriotism. During an engaging session, the officers shared service experiences from the armed forces, highlighting the values of discipline, courage, and national duty. Their words left a lasting impact, inspiring many students to aspire towards serving the nation.

The event was attended by Rahul Laxman Patil, Convener of the expedition, and Jagadish Hiremani, former Member of the National Safai Karmachari Commission.

The motorcycle expedition spans more than 5,000 km through India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. It is backed by the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Land Ports Authority of India, Nalanda University, and other key institutions, reflecting a significant diplomatic and cultural outreach effort.

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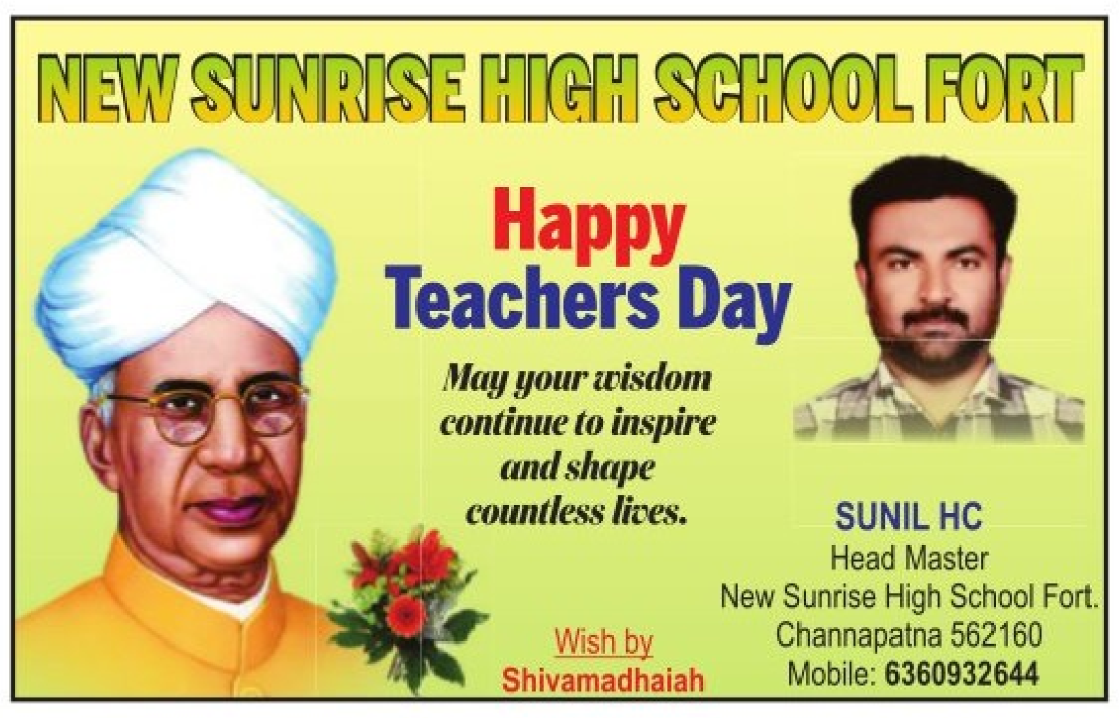
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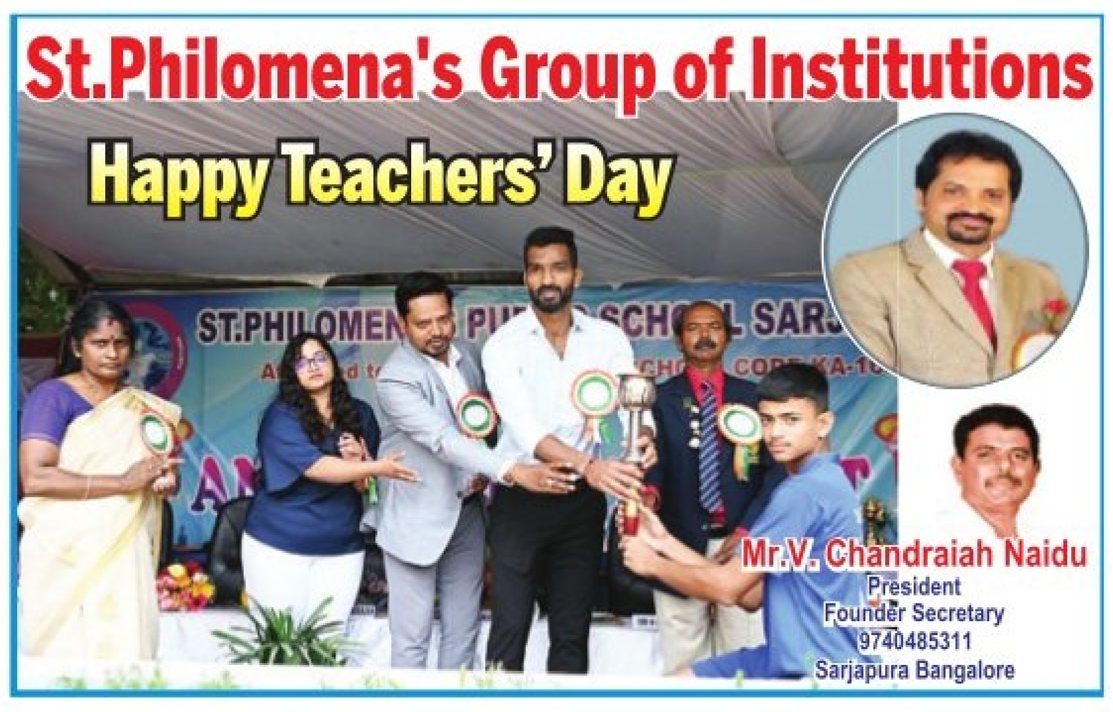
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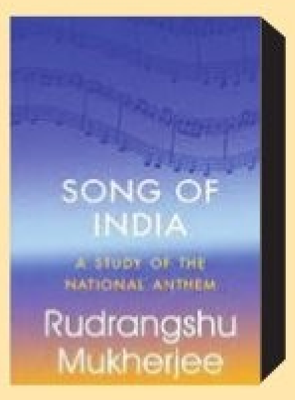
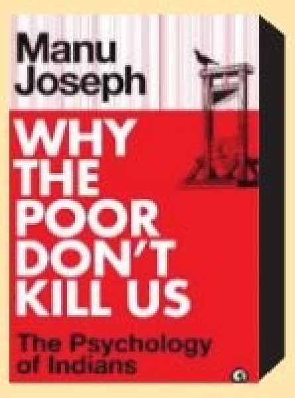


Song of India: A Study of the National Anthem

By Rudrangshu Mukherjee

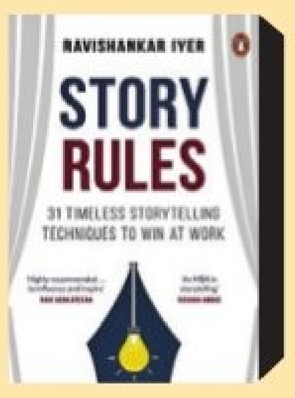
The author traces its origins (showing us what its creator had in mind when he composed the song), explains how and why it was chosen over other contenders, examines the occasional controversies that have surrounded it.



Why the Poor Don't Kill Us: The Psychology of Indians

By Manu Joseph

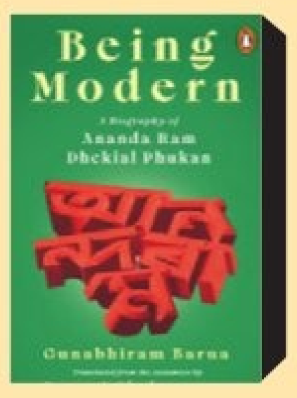
It shows us in pitiless detail just how hypocritical and exploitative people of privilege are, and it also shows us how and why they get away with it. It's a sharp, witty, and perceptive critique of the many faults of the India we live in.



Story Rules

By Ravishankar Iyer

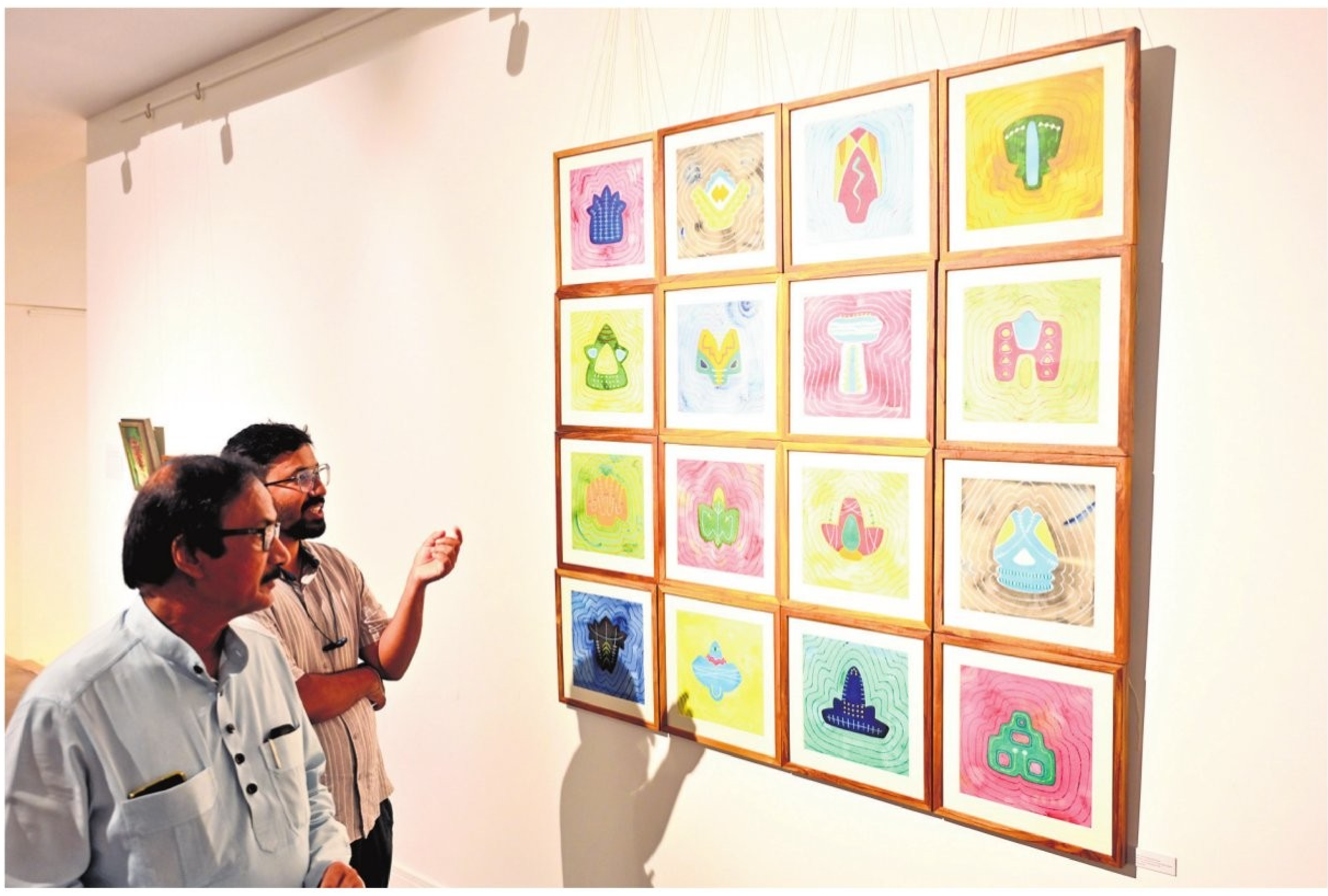
Across 31 techniques, *Story Rules* builds storytelling from the ground up. It breaks down what makes an idea stick, a pitch persuade, a review resonate.



Being Modern

By Gunabhiram Barua, translated by Banani Chakravarty

For readers of literature, politics, and history, *Being Modern* offers a vital look into the roots of Assamese pride and the vision of the man who defined it.



'ART'ENTION TO DETAIL

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath president BL Shankar looks on as artist Vishal Kavatekar explains an artwork at his introspective show 'at Stops' recently| NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

CHEESE GARLIC BREAD

INGREDIENTS

- **Bread:** 4 slices
- **Chilli flakes:** 2 tsp
- **Cheese:** 1 cup, grated
- **Butter:** 2 tbsp
- **Garlic:** 1, chopped

METHOD

- Combine butter and chopped garlic in a bowl, mix well.
- Apply the garlic butter on one side of each bread slice.
- Sprinkle grated cheese over the buttered side.
- Add chilli flakes on top.
- In a pan, bake for 5-7 minutes until the cheese melts and edges are golden.

Contributed by **Veda Bai,** Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Drama Vows

Take your friends or family along for a witty, satirical play by Shri Beechi, directed by Shylesh Kumar MM. *Seethu Maduve* explores the quirks of marriage, relationships and the delicate ties that bind them together.

WHEN: September 6, 7.15pm

WHERE: BP Wadia Auditorium, Basavanagudi

DETAILS: 98450 87901

Cultural Evening

Witness a Bharatanatyam performance by dancer Rakshitha P that celebrates culture and devotion on stage. Attend the event for a memorable evening of dance and music.

WHEN: September 6, 5.45pm onwards

WHERE: JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar

DETAILS: 9900685211

Strings Of Tradition

Immerse yourself in the timeless sound of the sitar, rooted in the rich tradition of the Senia Sahajanpur Gharana. This recital is a serene dialogue between raga and time, weaving music into moments of reflection.

WHEN: September 6, 7pm

WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur II Stage

DETAILS: bic@bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Classic Tale

Witness a masterful stage adaptation of the literary epic *Parva*. With stirring performances, live music, and emotional depth, this production explores the complexities of human struggles and choices.

WHEN: September 6, 10am

WHERE: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte

DETAILS: allevents.in

Mind Screen

Join a special screening of *A Beautiful Mind*, followed by an open discussion on mental health in a safe and supportive space. Connect, share and reflect as cinema meets conversation.

WHEN: September 6, 3.30pm

WHERE: Cafe De Verde, Koramangala

DETAILS: district.in

Balancing Act

Discover the magic of aerial yoga, where hammocks meet traditional asanas. Experience deeper stretches, enhanced strength and a playful sense of balance in this workshop.

WHEN: September 6, 3.30pm

WHERE: Sama - The Calm Mind Studio, Whitefield

DETAILS: iamalive.app

Caffeine Canvas

Step into a world where creativity flows as freely as your favourite brew! Unlock your inner creativity and enjoy an immersive, relaxing experience that blends the rich aroma of freshly brewed coffee and the magic of art.

WHEN: September 6, 11am

WHERE: Patron of Fine Arts, Indiranagar

DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

INSPECTOR ZENDE (Hindi)

An ingenious murderer, Carl Bhojraj, breaks out of prison, so determined Detective Zende chases the escapee once more through Mumbai.

Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Jim Sarbh, Girija Oak, Sachin Khedekar

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KANNAPPA (Telugu)

Kannappa, a sceptical hunter, attains divine enlightenment through Lord Shiva, undergoing a profound transformation into his ardent disciple.

Cast: Vishnu Manchu, Preity Mukhundhan, Prabhas

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

BACK TO THE FRONTIER
(English, series)

Families leave the 21st century behind to live as 1800s pioneers in a social experiment that tests their strength, stamina and sense of humour.

Cast: William Hope, Lina Hall, Jereme Hall

- **Watch on:** JioHotstar

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THE ABS-OLUTE GUIDE TO BURNING BELLY FAT

For many people, a toned midsection is the ultimate fitness goal. Beyond the aesthetics, however, belly fat is a serious health concern. Fat stored in the abdominal region has been linked to higher risks of conditions such as diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. Understanding the types of fat and the right ways to manage them is the first step toward a healthier core.

WHY BELLY FAT MATTERS

Excess fat in the abdominal area is associated with:

- **High blood pressure:** Even modest weight gain around the waist can increase strain on blood vessels.
- **High cholesterol:** Extra abdominal fat can disturb the balance of fats in the bloodstream.
- **Type-2 diabetes:** Visceral fat can block insulin action, raising blood sugar.
- **Breathing problems:** Extra fat restricts lung function by pressing on the diaphragm.
- **Heart disease:** Studies show abdominal obesity increases cardiovascular risk.

TYPES OF BODY FAT

- **Subcutaneous fat:** Found just beneath the skin. This is the fat you can pinch. While small amounts are harmless, excess often indicates deeper fat issues.
- **Visceral fat:** Surrounds vital organs. Harder to see but more dangerous, as it triggers inflammation and raises risks of chronic disease.

CAN YOU SPOT-REDUCE BELLY FAT?

No. Fat loss doesn't happen in isolated regions. The only way to shrink abdominal fat is by reducing overall body fat through the right mix of nutrition, exercise, sleep, and daily movement.

THE RIGHT FOOD

Balanced nutrition is key. Aim for:

- **30-35% protein** (supports muscle and satiety)
- **40-45% carbs** (preferably whole grains and fiber-rich foods)
- **25-30% fat** (healthy fats from nuts, avocado, olive oil, coconut)

Cutting calories moderately – about 20–25% less than your usual intake – helps shrink fat cells without depriving your body.

CONSISTENT EXERCISE

Aim for 30-45 minutes of activity, five days a week. Mix cardio, strength training and mobility work. High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) is particularly effective, as alternating between intense bursts and recovery periods uses fat for fuel.

Note: Crunches and sit-ups alone won't melt belly fat. They strengthen abdominal muscles but won't burn the fat covering them. Core-focused moves like planks, combined with whole-body training, are more effective for definition and posture.

SLEEP AND STRESS

Lack of rest increases cortisol, a hormone linked to fat storage. Prioritise 6-8 hours of quality sleep to support recovery and fat loss.

MORE MOVEMENT

Alongside workouts, stay active throughout the day. Walking 10,000–15,000 steps daily helps burn calories and reduces abdominal fat over time.

BALANCE
STRENGTH

By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

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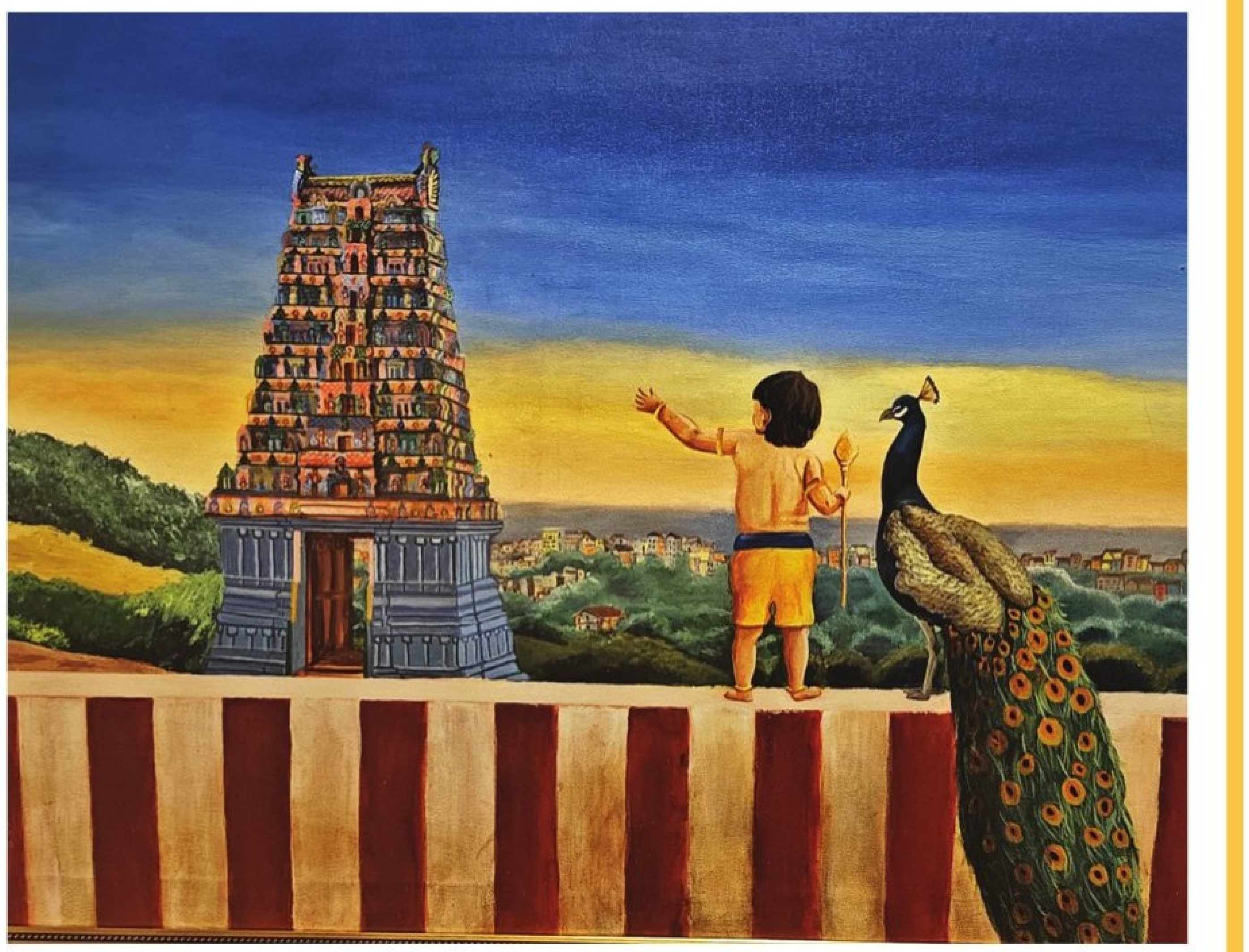

DIVINE DETAILS

Artist Joshinee E presents the childlike grace of Thiruthani Murugan, with his peacock, watching over his sacred kingdom of faith

Sajai & Sapna Singh, Shivika Singh & Viney Singh

Sumana Mukherjee and Mayank Dhawan

TO 'RIZZ' AND 'SLAY'

RUBINATIONS

Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

POLITICAL correctness has reached a crescendo in this new-wave ideology and the clarity in communication is frankly daunting! As a communication corporate speaker, using humour to bang home a point has its own limitations. I totally understand that crass and plebeian humour and conveying information can be polished, but now one doesn't understand who takes offence at what! Move over Gen Alpha. Here comes Gen Beta with a vengeance. So in between all the new Gen Z words, my 'vibe' looked so 'drip' and I was ready to be 'GOAT'! Ask me what I'm talking about and I will ask you to reference the 'new-kid-on-the-block'…Chat GPT! All my grammar, enunciations and pronunciations has turned to 'naught' as every blogger, influencer, and their ilk have suddenly started writing with (tongue in the cheek) quotes and their writing style is flawless! Only like every machine, ChatGPT too, starts sounding familiar after a while till one update the darn thing!

I was getting the usual yearly tests done for the family as our friendly insurance company demands it, and lo and behold! The doctors who I have cultivated for years and who picked up my phone call on the first ring were all avoiding my gaze. I wondered what had happened till a little bird told me that the doctors were fed up with patients armed with their little micro-processors who asked questions that needed a medical school education to understand! My doctor even has a plaque which says, 'Please don't confuse my medical degree with your Google degree'!

Fancy degrees notwithstanding, a fancy soiree was on everyone's lips. My good friend, the very dapper besuited corporate lawyer Sajai Singh and his 'drip' (meaning beauteous in Gen Z) wife Sapna both 'slayed' at their own bash. Everyone who was someone was at Lupa to celebrate Sajai's landmark birthday. The restaurant abounded with 'gigachad' men, and women who were 'snack'. The whole town brought their 'swag' and 'vibe' to this party. Designer clothes, bags, 'sun flares' and jewellery were discreetly worn and it was mesmerising to see so many beautiful and notable personages languidly sipping prosecco and biting on their hors de oeuvres. Just my kind of vibe! Sajai's family and friends had flown down from different corners of the land and the bonhomie and affection was clearly visible. Chef Manu Chandra runs that restaurant impeccably and the elegance showed in the service, the stupendous food and the 'rizz'(charisma) was evident!

We lucked out over the weekend as we were invited to The Oberoi's 'Lapis Conversations' chapter 3, The Calcutta Chronicles. These evenings foster conversations about cuisine with dialogue and ideas from the worlds of art and culture. Chapter 3 dealt with the sights, smells and sounds of my childhood… Calcutta. The evening was hosted by writer Sumana Mukherjee and chefs Anirban Dasgupta and Chandrani, who skilfully reimagined the city's food profile through a seven-course nostalgic journey. They drew their culinary influences from the Mughal era, Bengali-traditions and the colonial ascendancy. I was so impressed by a number of 'non-Bongs' (including hubby-dearest) at the table who adeptly mastered the mustard flavours and the famous Hilsa fish! We spent a lovely languid evening, dripping with nostalgia, childhood memories and an unspoken love for the grand dame city, 'Kolkata'.

I count my blessings every day…living a life that is whole, complete and full. The Bong in me has taken over and soon I shall burst into song!

(The writer's views are personal)

A nutrient-dense food with immense potential

NUTRIWISE

Sadhvika Srinivas

(The writer is the director and chief nutritionist at LivStack Health and Performance, Chennai)

JACKFRUIT, a tropical fruit native to south India, is renowned for its unique flavour and nutritional value. While its fleshy bulbs are widely consumed, the seeds, often overlooked, hold tremendous nutritional and functional promise. As the demand for plant-based foods rises, jackfruit seed flour emerges as a valuable ingredient.

Culinary and functional applications

Despite their nutrient richness, jackfruit seeds remain underutilised, often discarded due to high moisture content and limited awareness of their uses. However, they can be consumed in various traditional forms, boiled, roasted, or included in curries and cutlets. To enhance shelf life, the seeds can be processed into jackfruit seed flour, which serves as a sustainable, functional food ingredient.

Flour made from dried and roasted jackfruit seeds offers several culinary benefits. It can be used alone or blended with wheat or other grain flours to prepare chapatis, dosaes, pancakes, biscuits, bread, cakes, and even noodles. When incorporated into these products, jackfruit seed flour not only maintains but often enhances texture, flavour, and nutritional value.

Health benefits

Jackfruit seed flour is high in complex carbohydrates and dietary fibre, promoting gut health and sustained energy release, making it useful for athletes and individuals recovering from fatigue. It is also a source of plant protein, contributing to muscle repair and overall health in vegetarian and vegan diets.

In terms of medicinal properties, jackfruit seed flour exhibits antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antidiabetic, and antihypertensive activities. These attributes make it suitable for inclusion in therapeutic diets and health-oriented food products. Importantly, the flour has also shown potential as a gluten-free alternative, offering a safe and nutritious option for individuals with gluten intolerance or celiac disease.

Beyond its nutritional benefits, jackfruit seed flour offers a sustainable solution to agricultural waste. Given that jackfruit is abundantly grown in many tropical regions, processing its seeds into flour reduces post-harvest waste and adds economic value. It promotes full utilisation of the fruit, aligning with global goals for sustainable food systems and circular agriculture.

Jackfruit seed flour is a promising, underexploited functional food ingredient with a compelling nutritional profile and wide-ranging health benefits. Its versatility in food processing, combined with its therapeutic potential, makes it an ideal candidate for inclusion in health-conscious and speciality diets.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LINDA RASSINDREN, W/o. Gerard Rassendren, residing at #312, 1st B Cross, Behind Jothi School, HRBR III Block, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru 560084, have changed my name to **LINDA RASSENDREN** vide Affidavit Dated: 03/09/2025, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MAMATHA SHIVAKUMAR, Resident at Bhoomi, No.407, 9th 'D' Main, 1st Cross, Srinivas Nagar, B.S.K. 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560 050,, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MAMATHA SHIVAKUMAR** to **(NEW NAME) MAMATHA PRAHLAD** vide affidavit dated 04.09.2025 sworn before Notary L.Shankaranarayana., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MR. KIRAN KUNDAPUR, Resident of No. 1-59 Shashi, Udyara Bettu, Beejadu Village, Koteshwara Post, Sub Dist Kundapura, Udupi District, Karantaka Pincode-576222. Have Changed My Minor Sons Name From **KSHIRAJ K NAIK to VIVAAN KSHIRAJ K NAIK.** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.09.2025 before Notary C.SHARADA. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Hemanth, Resident of No. 2145, 3rd Cross, Near Muthurayaswamy Temple, M T S Colony. T Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057 have changed my name from **HEMANTH** to **KEMANNA R D** Vide affidavit No: IN-KA33130213513817X dated 01.09.2025 sworn before notary Hole T. V. BHADRAVIJAYA

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.JC-315030N, NB/SUB, SHANKREPPA BADIGER, Residing at Kannal (Post), Athani (TK), Belgaum (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591265, Have Changed My SON **(OLD NAME) SAMARTH** to **(NEW NAME) SAMARTH SHANKREPPA BADIGER** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.09.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.16115424L, HAV, MAHESH K R, Residing at Kunnathuparambil House, Peringottukurissi (Vill & Post), Alathur (Tehsil), Palakkad (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 678574, Have Changed My SON **(OLD NAME) AARYAN KM** to **(NEW NAME) AARYAN K M** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.09.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) ANUSHA KP,** Spouse of NO.16115424L, HAV, MAHESH K R, Residing at Kunnathuparambil House, Peringottukurissi (Vill & Post), Alathur (Tehsil), Palakkad (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 678574, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) ANUSHA K P** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.09.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) R KOTHINAYAKI,** mother of NO.15333595N, HAV, R GNANAMOORTHY, Residing at House NO.113, Mariyamman Kovil Street, Pachchakuppam (Vill), Ambur (Taluk), Vadapudupet (Post), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 635812, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) R KOTHAINAYAKI** And **DOB** from **01.07.1965** to **12.04.1965** Vide Affidavit Dated 03.09.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SONIKA KUMARI,** Spouse of NO.16128755L, HAV, SANDEEP KUMAR, Residing at House NO.291, Murari Nagari Khurja (Vill), Khurja (Post), Khurja (Tehsil), Bulandshahr (Dist), UTTAR PRADESH (State), PIN: 203131, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SONIKA** Vide Affidavit Dated 07.04.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I **KEVIN MUKESHBHAI SONI** Residing at no. 301, Green park society, New prime Arcade, Anand Mahal Road, Adajan, Surat, Navyug college, Surat, Gujrat- 395009, I hereby declare that my daughters name **VRATI KEVIN SONI** and **VRATI** both belong to my daughter, I hereby declare that my name **SONI KEVIN MUKESH BHAI** and my wife name **KAJALBEN** mentioned wrongly Instead of **KEVIN MUKESHBHAI SONI** and **KAJALBAHEN KEVIN SONI** in our AADHAAR cards and birth certificate of our daughter, vide affidavit dated 16-08-2025 Before Notary B. M. Chandrashekar Bangalore.

Name Change

I, Kiran Kumar C, father of Shalika C, residing at No. 56, Siri Habitat Apartment, Flat No. 202, 2nd Floor, Vajarahalli, Holiday Village Road, Off Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560062, wholly renounce / relinquish and abandon the use of my daughter's former name Shalika C (C stands for Chikkappanavar) and hereby assume the name / surname Shalika K C (K stands for Kiran Kumar and C stands for Chikkappanavar) vide affidavit dated 22/08/2025 and sworn before Notary Mr. H S Dharma Prasad at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VENKATESH MADESH, S/o. Madesh, Resident of No.5, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, 4th D Main, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name to **VENKATESH M,** Vide Affidavit Dated: 04.09.2025 before notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN. K, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SOWMINI. R.K** Wife of GANGASWAMY. B.V, residing at No. 10, 2nd Cross, 4th Main Road, Aralimara Road, Vrushabhavathinagar, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560 079, Karnataka, do hereby declare that my daughter's name is **MEGHANA .G**, she was born on 11.11.2009 at Bangalore. I hereby declare that my daughter's school records my name is entered as **SOWMYA. R.K** instead of **SOWMINI. R.K** as per mentioned in my Aadhaar and some records. Vide affidavit dated 03.09.2025 sworn to before C.K. Anupama, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, B N Lavanya D/o. B Nagabhushanam, R/at No. 3/2, HSR 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560102. I, Previously called as Hemasree S, I'm changing my name Hemasree S to **B N Lavanya.** Affidavit dated 5/9/2025 sworn before Notary B M Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. RESHMA NAMBIAR**, S/o. P.R. Madhusoodanan, aged about 37 years, R/at. No. 310, D.S.R. Ultima Apartment, Harlur Main Road, Near Vibgyor School, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **RISHAAN ANAND** to **RISHAAN NAMBIAR**, vide affidavit dated 04.09.2025, sworn to before K.V. Bachi Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Tamanna D Menda**, daughter of Shri. Deepak B. Menda, aged about 28 years, residing at No. 19, "DEEPAK", St. Micheal School Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027, state that my name in my old passport was **Tamanna Menda.** I further state that I have now applied for renewal of passport, during which time I became aware of this discrepancy in my name. I do swear that **Tamanna Menda** and **Tamanna D Menda** refer to me and are both my names. Vide Affidavit dated 04.09.2025, sworn to before A. Idinabba, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AYESHA** (Old Name) W/o **MOHAMMED DAWOOD SAIT** and Holder Passport No : A9693531 Residing at No 1-2, Eagle Street, Langford Town, Bengaluru- 560025 have changed my name to **AYESHA SAIT** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 5/9/2025 Before Notary **Idinabba** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Dilip Kumar M** S/o **S. Mahaveerchand** R/at #1043, 4th cross, 12th A main HAL 2nd stage, Indiranagar B'lore -560008 DOB- 09/05/1983 have changed my name to **Delip M Talera,** vide affidavit dated: 5/9/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHILPA LAXMINARASIMH KATTI,** R/at No.101, Shivasai Enclave DR Layout, Simha Colony behind komarla feeds Chikkalasandra Subramanya Bengaluru -560061 have changed my name to **SHILPA KATTI**, vide affidavit dt:03.09.2025 before Notary **K.V. Mani,** Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMITHA MOHAN,** W/o. **Selva Kumar. K**, R/at Vaikuntam, #10, 3rd Main Road, Sector A Ramaiah Reddy Colony, Basava Nagar, Marathalli, Bangalore -560037 have changed my name to **SUMITHA SELVAKUMAR** vide affidavit dt:05.09.2025 before Notary **K.V. Mani,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, T.R. SUJATHA, W/o C Arun Kumar, aged about 55 years, R/at No.23, Sumeru, 3rd A Block, Anjanapaura Town Ship, J.P Nagar, 6th Phase, Bangalore-560108, do hereby declare that both the names **T.R.SUJATHA** and **C. SUJATHA** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **T.R.SUJATHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 04.09.2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.R. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sri SATEESH .K**, S/o Sri Kempegowda, aged about 57 years, R/at No.1942, 20th Main, 23rd Cross, Sector-2, HSR layout, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560102, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from **VISHAKHA SATEESH** to **VIHARI SATEESH** henceforth I shall be known and called as **Miss. VIHARI SATEESH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 03-09-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.S. CHANDRAKANTH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, the undersigned **Sri. JAYANT K PATEL**, aged about 40 years, S/o Sri Kishorbhai patel, R/at No.19, Master Nivas, 2nd Cross, Nisarga Colony, Horamavu, Bangalore-560113, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **TATWAM P PATEL** to **TATWAM J PATEL** henceforth I shall be known and called as **TATWAM J PATEL** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 02.09.2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, the undersigned **SMT. MALA YOGA KUMAR,** W/o Yoga Kumar, aged about 40 years, R/at No.790, 8th Cross, D main, Vidyaranyanagara, Andrahalli, Bangalore-560091, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **MANESH GOWDA Y to MANISH GOWDA .Y** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANISH GOWDA .Y** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 03-09-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MUNISWAMY .S, S/o late Selvaraja, aged about 44 years, R/at No.327/1, 5th Cross, Basaveshwaranagar 2nd Stage, near Bayalubasavanna temple, Mysore Road, Check post, Kengiri, Bangalore-560060 do hereby declare that both the names **MUNISWAMY** and **MUNISWAMY .S** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MUNISWAMY .S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 04.09.2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANUPAMA GOVINDRAJ**, aged about 54 years, W/o Manoj Menda, residing at "GOVIND", No.13/2, Walton Road, Bengaluru-560001, have changed my name from **ANUPAMA GOVINDRAJ** to **ANUPAMA MANOJ MENDA** vide Affidavit Dated: 03/09/2025, sworn before Notary **N. NARAYANA SWAMY,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAGHAVENDRA CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI RAMACHANDRAIAH, residing at residing at 196 MN RD, PAVAMANANAGARA, KEMBATHAHALLI RD, GOTTIGERE, BANNERGHATTA ROAD, BENGALURU, PIN : 560083, KARNATAKA, INDIA, that I have changed my spouse (wife) name from ANITHA RAGHAVENDRA (Old Name) to ANITHA BHIMARAYA (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 04/09/2025, before Notary DHARMA PRASAD H S, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAGHAVENDRA CHIKKANAYAKANAHALLI RAMACHANDRAIAH, residing at residing at 196 MN RD, PAVAMANANAGARA, KEMBATHAHALLI RD, GOTTIGERE, BANNERGHATTA ROAD, BENGALURU, PIN : 560083, KARNATAKA, INDIA, that I have changed my mother name from RENUKA RAGHAVENDRA (Old Name) to RENUKA VANAGUNDI (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 04/09/2025, before Notary DHARMA PRASAD H S, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Muniraj K** S/o Kenchappa, aged about 44 years, residing at Sapthagiri Nilay, SLN Floor Milla Road, Near Ambedakar Bhavan, Allalasandra, G.K.V.K Post, Bangalore North-560065, have changed my name **.K.MUNIRAJU TO MUNIRAJ K** BEFORE ADVOCATE AND NOTARY BY **G.R.RAVICHANDRA REDDY.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I,MR.RAJAT KULKARNI,S/o.Ramesh Kulkarni, R/at: 58 Belaku, 11th Main Balaji Layout, Ananthapura, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560064, do hereby declare that the name "Rajat R Kulkarni" as mentioned in my 10th marks card, "Rajat Kulkarni" as mentioned in my Aadhaar card, **RAJAT R KULKARNI and RAJAT KULKARNI** both the names are one and the same person, In further I will Continuing My Name as RAJAT KULKARNI, vide Affidavit Dated 25.08.2025 Sworn Before Notary: H.Sridhar rao. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Hariharan Rajendran S/o C K Rajendran, Aged about 36 years, Aadhaar No: 3180 9722 8727, Residing at: Flat No: CA206, Shriram Smrithi Apartment, Sarjapur Attibele Road Bidaraguppe Village, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, I declare that below mentioned **C.K.Rajendran & Chokarishikuppam Krishnarajan Rajendran** both names belongs to my father name, one and the same., vide affidavit dated 4/9/2025 sworn to before Muniswamy T Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ravikumar N.C, son of Late. N.B. Chandrashekaraiah, residing at No. 1657/1, 6th Cross, MCECHS Layout, Near Srirampura Railway Gate, Dr. ShivaramKaranth Nagar Phase-2, Bengaluru - 560064, have decided to change my daughter's name from **Hitha. R** to **Shrihitha. R,** and she shall henceforth be known by her new name **"SHRIHITHA. R** for all purposes., vide affidavit dated 3/9/2025 sworn to before L B Anasuyamma Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED RAFIQ FAROOQUI, S/o Mohammed Ismail Farooqui, Residing at No. 22, 3rd Main 2nd Cross, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru North, PO: GKVK, Dist Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560065, I declare that in my Passport my name and my mother name wrongly mentioned as **MOHAMMED RAFIQ** and **VASEEMA BANU,** Correct name is **MOHAMMED RAFIQ FAROOQUI** and **NASEEMA FAROOQUI,** vide affidavit dated 2/9/2025 sworn to before S R Ravikumar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOUSUMI CHOWDHURY W/o AJATASHATRU SUTRADHAR Residing at #FLAT No-A306, CASAGRANDE LORENZA, KOGILU MAIN ROAD, BELLAHALLI, BANGALORE NORTH, G KVK POST, BANGALORE - 560065. have changed my name from **MOUSUMI CHOWDHURY** to **MOUSUMI SUTRADHAR,** vide affidavit dated 4/9/2025 sworn to before G R Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KRISHNA S/o Municheluvaiah, Aged about 67 years, R/at 442, 2nd Block, Somanahalli Village and Post, Bangalore south Taluk, Bangalore - 560082, have changed my name from **KRISHNA** to **KRISHNAPPA,** vide affidavit dated 12/9/2025 sworn to before R Sulakshana Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

NAME CHANGE

I Army No 2619739Y, Rank: Sep Harisha S, Residing at Shiddihalli village, Kerehalli post, Soraba taluk, Shivamogga district, Karnataka 577419, do hereby declare that, I have changed my mother name from NAGARATHNA to RATHNAMMA as per the Affidavit No IN-KA27367378745198XSoraba court 26/08/2025

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DASARI ARCHANA aged about 34 years, W/o Prasad K M, resident at No.1328/2304-16, Sri Anagha Nilaya, Someshwara Extension, Near Sharada Public School, Dodda ballapura, Bengaluru Rural - 561 203, have changed my name from **DIANASHREE PRASAD K** to **DASARI ARCHANA,** vide affidavit dated 3/9/2025 sworn to before B.K.G. Raju Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SURYA SINGH. P., S/o. G. Pratap Singh, aged about 53 years, Hindu by Religion, residing at House No.346, Anandagiri Block, Hebbal Police Station Main Road, Bangalore - 560 024, I declare that below mentioned both names **SURYA SINGH. P.** and **P. SURI SINGH** are one and the same and the name belongs to me, i.e., myself., in future my name shall be identified as **SURYA SINGH. P.,** vide affidavit dated 4/9/2025 sworn to before XXXVIII ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE BENGALURU CITY

NAME CHANGE

I Army No 2619739Y,Rank: Sep Harisha S, Residing at Shiddihalli village, Kerehalli post, Soraba taluk, Shivamogga district, Karnataka 577419, do hereby declare that, I have changed my father name from SHAMSUNDARA to SHYAMASUNDAR as per the. Affidavit No.IN-KA27323488968530XSoraba court 26/08/2025

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ms. SRI PRAJNA S R D/o. K S Ravindrakumar, Aged about 19 Years Residing at No. 2066, 3rd Floor, Krishna Nilaya, 1st Main, Judicial Layout, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560064, have changed my name from **SREE PRAJNA** to **SRI PRAJNA S R,** vide affidavit dated 4/9/2025 sworn to before G R Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BANI SATISH**(Old Name) R/o #390/391,A2,Dhanushitha Apartment,Ideal Homeship,Near Nimishamba Temple,Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore (South) Pin 56008, have changed my name as **SATISH NAGAPPA BANI** (New Name) for all purposes vide affidavit dated : 28/08/2025 before Notary Mantur A.V. Hubballi

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ELUMALE
Director: Punit Rangaswamy
Cast: Raanna, Priyanka Achar, Jagapathi Babu, Kishore Kumar, TS Nagabharana, Sardar Sathya, Jagappa, and Rakesh Maiya

A SHARADHAA

IN one of *Elumale*'s most tender moments, Revathi wonders aloud if choosing Harisha means abandoning her family forever. Harisha, without hesitation, assures her that as long as he breathes, she will never feel that void. In that exchange, debutant Punit Rangaswamy sets the tone; this is no candy-coated romance, but a haunting, restless love story that throbs with tension.

The story unfolds over a single night, where the ticking clock is as much a character as Harisha (Raanna) and Revathi (Priyanka Achar). Harisha is a Mysuru cab driver, an orphan with no one to call his own, while Revathi belongs to a wealthy Tamil Nadu household, her fate sealed by an arranged marriage set for the next morning. But by midnight, she has already made her decision: she will leave it all — family, fortune, future — to be with Harisha, who fondly calls her Chinni. Set in the early 2000s, the choice feels believable.

Harisha carries one keepsake from her: a photocopy of her college ID card. Revathi holds a keychain etched with "H." Their bond survives through constant phone calls — her voice a mixture of innocence, courage, and fear. Their meeting point is the sacred hills of Male Mahadeshwara. At first glance, it appears like familiar young love marked with missed calls, missed buses, stolen moments. But Punit's narrative quickly sharpens: a call unanswered, a wrong turn, a bloodstain, and Harisha becomes a man caught in forces stronger than himself, beginning with Mantelinga (Jagappa) at the check post.

On one side is Harisha, desperate to secure a future with Revathi. On the other side is Revathi, fighting parental control and a destiny she no longer accepts. Layered over this romance is another tale: forest brigand Veerappan's shadow, weapons smuggled across the Tamil Nadu–Karnataka border, and CID officers tracing AK-47 trails linked to the LTTE. Commandos led by Vinay Kumar (Jagapathi Babu) intensify the chase.

Revathi waits near the Guddada Maramma temple, trusting that love will save her. Venkatesh Nayak (Kishore) arrives as a ruthless police officer, circling his prey, tightening the net around Harisha. Madevappa (Nagabharana) adds depth as a figure who understands the blurred lines between guilt and innocence.

The romance in *Elumale* constantly brushes against violence. A lock-up death, a custodial cover-up, and a weapons deal during Dasara festivities near MM Hills widen the canvas. The film thrives on unease. Every few minutes, something shifts: a missed bus that changes fate, a stray pig that sparks chaos, a border alert halting movement, a girl sensing danger, a boy wrongly blamed. MM Hills and its surroundings turn into a stage where love, law, and lawlessness collide. As Harisha struggles to survive, Revathi moves closer to him, even as the police net tightens.

RATING 4/5

The result is a restless watch, mirroring the turmoil of its lovers. You're never far from romance, yet never far from danger.

Punit Rangaswamy, with Tharun Kishore Sudhir as creative head and producer, weaves real events into fiction, stitching incidents from different timelines into a coherent, compelling thriller. His debut shows confidence as the suspense is relentless, the content sharp, and the grip unyielding.

Raanna delivers a breakthrough performance. Compared to his debut, this is a transformation in a role that is lived rather than acted. His body language reflects the helplessness of an ordinary man cornered; his dialogue lands with weight, and his anguish lingers long after the scene fades. Priyanka, as Revathi, is the film's heartbeat. She balances the innocence of a girl in love with quiet defiance, ready to burn bridges. It's a commanding debut, and she is here to stay.

Kishore is perfect on screen, unpredictable and menacing. Nagabharana's Madevappa is wisdom incarnate, a moral weight against youthful recklessness. Jagapathi Babu and others — from Sardar Satya to Jagappa — fit seamlessly into the narrative, adding gravitas without overshadowing the central love story.

Cinematographer Advaitha Gurumurthy makes forests, border check posts, and festival lights characters themselves. Every frame of night hints at hidden truths. D Imman's score pulses with the film, tender in romance and thunderous in chaos. Songs and background music bind the moods, while KM Prakash's editing keeps the film taut and relentless. *Elumale*'s multilingual tone — Tamil, Kannada, and English — anchors the story in its cultural and geographical roots, adding realism to the cross-border romance.

Elumale is about the purity of love. But it refuses clichés. Instead, it wraps love in silence, danger, and choices that wound as much as they heal. It delves into love's pain, joy, madness, and the restless defiance when the world stands against you. A haunting romance ignited by the urgency of a thriller; innocence colliding with power, love with law, destiny with chance. It burns slow, erupts fierce, and lingers long after, with its intensity sharpened by roots in real events. The climax may feel predictable, yet Punit Rangaswamy delivers a final twist that surprises and unsettles, staying true to the film's restless spirit.

The film captures the raw, haunting romance of Harisha and Revathi, while delivering a pulse-pounding thriller that tests courage and destiny in every moment. It demands attention, provokes emotion, and leaves you marvelling at the power of love caught in extraordinary circumstances. *Elumale* is a story where love refuses to bow. Fittingly, the title bears the significance of seven, as if love itself must pass through seven trials before it finds its place.

Heartfelt paw prints amid uneven moments

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NAANU MATTHU GUNDA 2
Director: Raghu Hassan
Cast: Rakesh Adiga, Rachana inder, Govinde Gowda, Nayana, Sadhu Kokila Manju Pavagada, Vijay Chendur, and Girish Shivanna

SOME sequels return simply to cash in on nostalgia. Others dare to expand the emotional and thematic scope of their original. *Naanu Matthu Gunda 2*, the follow-up to the 2020 Naanu Mathu Gunda, a film about the bond between a man and his dog, clearly attempts the latter. It is not merely a continuation of Shankara and Gunda's story, but a meditation on whether love and loyalty can survive death itself. The result is moving, frustrating, and occasionally profound.

The film opens with the legacy of Shankara's (Shivaraj KR Pete) sacrifice still heavy in the air. Gunda, his ever-faithful companion, refuses to abandon his grave until Shankara's son is born. Fate, however, is cruel. The boy loses his mother at birth and is raised by Shankara's friends Bhoori (Govinde Gowda) and Adavi (Nayana). Gunda follows, tethering himself to the boy's destiny, only to be resented as the years go by. The child sees the dog as an obstacle, a source of mockery among his peers. This tension culminates in Gunda's slow decline and eventual death, staged with raw detail that leaves the audience squirming between heartbreak and catharsis.

If the first film celebrated the purity of companionship, the sequel seeks to argue something bigger: can bonds defy mortality? Enter Shankara's son as an adult (Rakesh Adiga), who cannot shake the conviction that loyalty may transcend lifetimes. His journey takes him to Ooty, where the appearance of a stray puppy saves a young girl (Rachana Inder) from suicide. The symbolism is unmistakable—sometimes survival comes not from miracles but from a pair of eyes that wordlessly insist on staying. Will Indu return Gunda back to Shankara?

This is where the film both intrigues and falters. On one hand, it is refreshing to see a mainstream Kannada feature grapple with reincarnation, memory, and emotional continuity. On the other hand, the narrative often slips into excess. Two reincarnation arcs, comic detours, repeated brushes with suicide, and tonal swerves between slapstick and philosophy make the story feel more crowded than contemplative. The Ooty track, while visually appealing, stretches credibility, and the insistence on broad humour occasionally undercuts the deeper emotional rhythm.

RATING 2.5/5

Rakesh Adiga portrays a man caught between grief and hope. Govinde Gowda and Nayana ground the film with warmth, serving as emotional counterweights. Shivaraj KR Pete, glimpsed largely in flashbacks, continues to be the series' moral anchor. Rachana Inder adds energy, though her arc leans too heavily on comedy, diluting the impact of her character's trauma. Among the ensemble, Avinash, Sadhu Kokila, Vijay Chendur, Girish Shivanna, and Manju Pavagada offer reliable doses of humour and heft, but their roles add little impact to the narrative.

Technically, the film is sturdy rather than exceptional. Cinematography captures the dual worlds of rural intimacy and Ooty's chill with quiet efficiency. The background score is emotionally pitched, though sometimes too insistent. Editing remains the Achilles' heel—scenes linger longer than necessary, especially in the middle act, where momentum stalls.

To its credit, *Naanu Matthu Gunda 2* avoids the usual sequel pitfalls. It doesn't shoehorn in a love story between Shankara and Indu, and the device of Gunda's "mind voice" continues to be inventive, inviting viewers to imagine what loyalty might sound like if given words.

But ambition cuts both ways. For pet lovers, the film is an emotional diary, filled with moments that sting with recognition like the ageing of a companion, the quiet presence at life's most private junctures, and the unbearable weight of goodbye. For others, it may feel uneven, a mix of high-voltage emotion and indulgent narrative stretches. In the end, director Raghu Hassan's *Naanu Matthu Gunda 2* is neither flawless nor forgettable. It is a film that asks whether love survives death, even if its answers are scattered, with a final message that lingers like a faint pawprint on wet earth: affection never truly disappears—it waits, in memory, in faith, or in the shape of another life walking quietly beside us.

Working with Yogaraj Bhat will be like going to a film school: Bhuvvaan

The actor will join hands with the director for *Hello 123*, which will have music by V Harikrishna

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Team Hello 123

BHUVVAAN Ponnanna, known for his antagonist roles in films like *Just Math Mathalli*, *Kool*, and *Kuchiku Kuchiku*, worked his way to playing the lead in *Randhava*. Now, after a break, he steps into the spotlight as a hero with the upcoming musical, *Hello 123*, directed by none other than Yogaraj Bhat. The film features music by V Harikrishna and is produced under the banner of Amrutha Cine Craft by Vijay Tata and Amrutha Vijay Tata.

"When I came to Bengaluru in 2007, Yogaraj Bhat's name was everywhere," Bhuvvaan recalls. "Every actor wanted to do a film with Bhatru. While I was playing villains, I always had this wish, much like senior actors wanted to work in Puttana Kanagal. I wanted to be part of Yogaraj Bhat's world, as I loved the magic he had brought to actors like Ganesh or Diganth."

The actor admits he took his time after his debut as a hero in *Randhava*. "Yogaraj Bhat doesn't push stories onto actors; he works around them. He told me, 'I will not match the story with the actor; I'd rather work on the story, and then see how the actor fits.' He was very particular, always striking up conversations, understanding me—my background, my language, my flavour. After many discussions, he tailored the story to suit me."

Bhuvvaan, who also has a theatre background and trained in filmmaking at a New York film university, calls working with Bhat a learning experience. "Despite my theatre experience, this is going to be like film school. The chance to work with a director like Yogaraj Bhat is rare, and I am ready to absorb every moment."

Hello 123, launched with Harshika Poonacha and Bhuvvaan's daughter Tridevi in attendance, promises a light-hearted journey of a musician rising from nothing to everything. "It's a typical Yogaraj Bhat film," Bhuvvaan says. "Music, love, drama, the essence of Malnad, quirky characters, and humour—everything is in there."

Pre-production is underway, and shooting is expected to begin in October. Apart from Bhuvvaan, the director and music director, the rest of the cast and crew is yet to be finalised.

Bhuvvaan Ponnanna

Live-action *Street Fighter* film gets new release date

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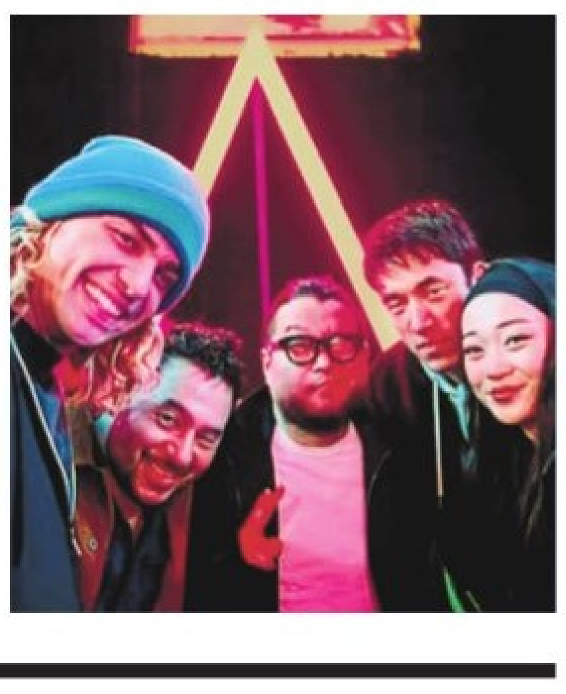
THE live-action *Street Fighter* film has officially begun production, and along with it, the makers have revealed the players, their characters and respective country. Legendary Studios and Paramount Pictures have come together for a three-year deal to distribute the former's movies and *Street Fighter* is the first of many. Directed by Kitao Sakurai (Bad Trip, Aardvark), the film will now open in theatres on October 16, 2026.

For Indian audiences, the upcoming film is special as actor Vidyut Jammwal is all set to make his Hollywood debut as Dhalsim.

The character was introduced in *Street Fighter* II in 1991 and he is a peaceful yogi known for his elasticity and ability to breathe fire. He fights in tournaments in order to support his family.

He will feature alongside a star-studded cast consisting of Noah Centineo as Ken Masters, Andrew Koji as Ryu, Callina Liang as Chun-Li, Joe "Roman Reigns" Anoa'i as Akuma, David Dastmalchian as M. Bison, Cody Rhodes as Guile, Andrew Schulz as Dan Hibiki, Eric André as Don Sauvage, Vidyut Jammwal as Dhalsim, with Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson as Balrog and Jason Momoa as Blanka.

The upcoming film is set in 1993 and revolves around estranged Street Fighters Ryu (Andrew Koji) and Ken Masters (Noah Centineo) who are thrown back into combat when the mysterious Chun-Li (Callina Liang) recruits them for the next World Warrior Tournament.



AA Films to distribute *Kantara: Chapter 1* in North India

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HOMBALE Films, one of India's most ambitious production houses, has officially announced the worldwide release of *Kantara: Chapter 1* on October 2, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanthi and the Dasara festivities. Directed and headlined by Rishab Shetty, this highly anticipated prequel to the 2022 blockbuster *Kantara* has already stirred massive curiosity across the country.

With growing demand for *Kantara: Chapter 1* in various languages, the latest development confirms that the film's distribution in in North India, and Nepal will be handled by AA Films, ensuring that audiences in Hindi-speaking regions also get to witness this epic saga on the big screen. Carrying forward the legacy of *Kantara*, the upcoming prequel promises a larger canvas and a more immersive cinematic experience.

Backed by producer Vijay Kiragandur under the Hombale Films banner, *Kantara: Chapter 1* transports viewers to the 4th century, exploring the grandeur, culture, and mysticism of an era rarely depicted in Indian cinema. Rishab Shetty not only directs but also plays the lead role, supported by a formidable ensemble cast that includes Rukmini Vasanth as the female lead. The film is set for a multilingual release in Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Bengali, and English, and will be released across the world—except China. With this, Hombale Films continues to strengthen its vision of taking rooted Indian stories to global audiences, much like it achieved with KGF and *Kantara*.

What makes *Kantara Chapter 1* truly exciting is its blend of gripping storytelling, breathtaking visuals, and soul-stirring music. If the first film was celebrated for its cultural depth and universal resonance, the prequel aims to go a step further, creating a cinematic spectacle that bridges tradition and scale.

As the countdown to 2025 begins, *Kantara Chapter 1* is poised to set a new benchmark, standing tall as one of the most awaited films of the year, ready to carry Indian cinema's storytelling legacy to new horizons.